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## Legendary 007 Sean Connery leaves us shaken and stirred

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# SEAN CONNERY: 1930-2020

# HE HAD A LICENSE

By EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

Actor Sean Connery, the big screen's first, wittiest and most revered James Bond, has died, his family said Saturday. He was 90 years old.

Connery died peacefully in his sleep at his home in the Bahamas, having been "unwell for some time," his son told the BBC.

"A sad day for all who knew and loved my dad and a sad loss for all people around the world who enjoyed the wonderful gift he had as an actor," said Jason Connery.

"He had dementia and it took its toll on him" in his final months, his wife of 45 years, artist Micheline Roquebrune, told the Mail on Sunday.

"He got his final wish to slip away without any fuss."

Best known for his seven turns as Bond, beginning with 1962's "Dr. No," the Scottish-born Connery, who became Sir Sean in 2000, freed himself from the debonair typecasting to play myriad other roles besides Agent 007.

His decades-long career was filled with accolades, including an Oscar, two BAFTAs and being crowned People magazine's "Sexiest Man of the Century" in 1999.

Bond producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli were "devastated" by his passing, saying Connery's "gritty and witty portrayal of the sexy and charismatic secret agent" was largely responsible for the success of the spy-movie series.

"He was and shall always be remembered as the original James Bond whose indelible entrance into cinema history began when he announced those unforgettable words, 'The name's Bond . . . James Bond,'" they said in a statement Saturday.

Daniel Craig, the current Bond, said Connery "defined an era and a style" and that the "wit and charm he portrayed on screen could be measured in megawatts."

Thomas Sean Connery was born of Irish ancestry in the slums of Edinburgh, Scotland, on Aug. 25, 1930. The son of a cleaning woman and a factory worker, he left school in his early teens to earn 1 pound a week delivering milk.

"We were very poor," he once said. "But I never knew how poor because that's how everyone was there."

He was drafted into the Royal Navy at age 17, but was discharged three years later due to a serious case of ulcers. He returned to Edinburgh and worked odd jobs, including as a milkman, lifeguard and — while broke and homeless at age 21 — as a polisher at a coffin factory.

"I know he spent a few nights sleeping in a coffin just after he started," co-worker Tommy Wark told The Scotsman in 2005.

Connery also took up bodybuilding and placed third in the 1951 Mr. Universe competition in London. It was during that competition that a fellow bodybuilder suggested he audition for a bit role in a Lon-

## Connery, cinema's greatest Scot, 90



don production of "South Pacific."

Despite his utter lack of experience and his thick brogue, he got a part in the chorus, and his career had begun.

His first film role came that same year, in the B-movie crime yarn "No Road Back." He went on to star opposite Lana Turner in "Another Time, Another Place" (1958) and landed several roles that leaned on his looks, such as "Tarzan's Great Adventure" in 1959.

His turn as Count Vronsky to Claire Bloom's Anna Karenina on the BBC helped raise him to the top of a newspaper poll asking readers to suggest the ideal James Bond, the superspy in a popular series of novels by Ian Fleming.

Connery landed the 1962 film role without a screen test, after an interview with producers Albert Broccoli and Harry Saltzman, according to Variety. It was a

controversial choice at the time, as Connery was an unknown outside Britain.

Connery's effortless delivery of the character's signature line: "Bond, James Bond," propelled him to international stardom.

His stature grew alongside the extraordinary popularity of the series as he reprised the role in "From Russia With Love," "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball" over the next four years. He also donned the tuxedo

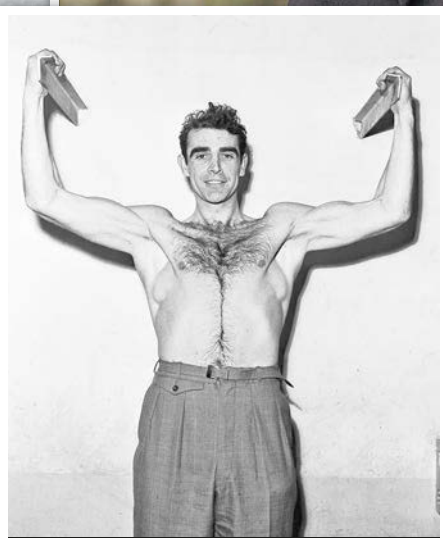


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**LEGEND:** Onetime bodybuilder (inset) Sean Connery leans with effortless cool against an Aston Martin in 1964's "Goldfinger," is knighted in 2000 (top, with wife Micheline), aids Indiana Jones in 1989's "The Last Crusade" and is flanked by Bond girls in 1965.

for "You Only Live Twice" in 1967, and "Diamonds are Forever" in 1971, and returned to the role a final time in "Never Say Never Again," in 1983.

Although he was paid only \$30,000 for "Dr. No," by 1964 he received \$400,000 for his role as a wealthy widower in Alfred Hitchcock's "Marnie," and was soon earning \$750,000 a film. By the 1980s his price tag was regularly more than \$5 million.

But when he decided to end his career, he had no trouble walking away from still more millions. Connery was 74 when he turned down \$17.5 million to play a lead role as an aging thief in a Brett Ratner project in 2004, the director told Showbiz411.com.

As he turned 80, Connery told the UK Daily Record in 2010 that "From Russia With Love" was his favorite Bond movie. "The story was intriguing, and the locations

were intriguing," he said. "It was an international movie in every sense of the word."

He broke away from Bond for many other roles, from a soldier-turned-adventurer in John Huston's "The Man Who Would Be King" (1975) to a defecting Russian submarine captain in the 1990 Tom Clancy thriller "The Hunt for Red October." Other hits included "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974), "Highlander" (1986) and as Harrison Ford's on-screen father in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989).

In one of his greatest late-career roles, Connery won the 1988 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for portraying a tough Irish cop in Prohibition-era Chicago in Brian De Palma's "The Untouchables."

Though he grouched that he was "fed up" with James Bond — once even stating "I'd like to kill him" — by the time he clinched his Oscar he was at peace with the role that had made him rich and famous.

"The name's Connery," he said as he received the award. "Sean Connery."

His last screen appearance was in 2003's "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

Connery was devoted to his native Scotland and sported a tattoo from his Navy years that read "Scotland Forever."

He used his stature to press for the re-establishment of a Scottish parliament. When the body reconvened in 1999, 296 years after its last meeting, Connery was invited to address the first session, where he was greeted with a thunderous ovation. His autobiography, "Being a Scot," was published in 2008.

"Our nation today mourns one of her best loved sons," Scottish Prime Minister Nicola Sturgeon tweeted Saturday. "Sean was a lifelong advocate of an independent Scotland and those of us who share that belief owe him a great debt of gratitude."

He called being knighted by Queen Elizabeth II "one of the proudest days of my life," and asked that the investiture be performed at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh.

Other awards over his career included Kennedy Center Honors in 1999 and the American Film Institute's lifetime achievement award in 2006, where he announced his retirement.

After retiring to Nassau in the Bahamas, he spent much of his time golfing.

Craig, whose latest Bond film, "No Time To Die," has been delayed to next year due to the pandemic, said Connery will continue to influence actors and filmmakers for years to come.

Family members of Roger Moore, who died in 2017 and played Bond in seven films, tweeted that they were "infinitely sad" to hear the news of Connery's passing.

Connery was married to actress Diane Cilento from 1962 to 1973. The couple divorced in 1973 and Cilento died in 2011.

Connery is survived by Roquebrune, whom he married in 1975; his son by Cilento, actor Jason Connery; his brother, Neil, and a grandson. *With Wires*

Sean Connery's impact was felt by movie lovers around the world as well as his fellow actors, many of whom took to social media to pay tribute to the late star:

Only a few weeks ago I was wishing Sean all the best for his 90th birthday. Now, I'm very sad to be condoling with his family and friends. Of course, Sean Connery as James Bond inspired me personally but seems to have encapsulated an age, the Sixties. I met Sean a couple of times and I was pleased he'd given my Bond film, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, his seal of approval... But, to me, the most important thing was his work went far beyond Bond: into charity, into family, into politics and into golf. A man after my own heart. A great actor, a great man and underappreciated artist has left us. My thoughts are with Lady Micheline and Sean's children and grandchildren.

-George Lazenby

Sir Sean Connery, you were my greatest James Bond as a boy, and as a man who became James Bond himself. You cast a long shadow of cinematic splendor that will live on forever. You led the way for us all who followed in your iconic footsteps. Each man in his turn looked to you with reverence and admiration as we forged ahead with our own interpretations of the role. You were mighty in every way, as an actor and as a man, and will remain so till the end of time. You were loved by the world, and will be missed. God bless, rest now, be at peace.

-Pierce Brosnan

Sean Connery was a legend. One of the greatest actors of all time. He provided endless entertainment for all of us & inspiration for me. I'm not just saying that because he was a bodybuilder who placed in the Mr. Universe contest! He was an icon. My thoughts are with his family.

-Arnold Schwarzenegger

Saddened by the news of the passing of Sir Sean Connery. A wonderful man who I had the pleasure of working with in *Time Bandits*. We crossed paths many times over the years. Such immense talent and a vibrant human. And the only one of us to find *The Holy Grail*.

-John Cleese



# SEAN CONNERY: 1930-2020

## A film legacy that is simply *untouchable*

**KYLE SMITH**



**J**AMES Bond may have been the ultimate British adventurer-rogue, but when I think of great Sean Connery portrayals, my mind goes right to Danny Dravot, a.k.a. “The Man Who Would Be King.”

Connery and Michael Caine had the time of their lives playing two scrappy British sergeants out to retrace the steps of Alexander the Great and conquer Afghanistan in the exhilarating 1975 John Huston film based on Rudyard Kipling’s novel. At one point Danny and Caine’s Peachy Carnahan are trapped on a mountain with no possible means of escape. And what do they do? They have a laugh about all the good times they’ve known. A big, roaring, boisterous laugh. Such a laugh that the two men touch off an avalanche which creates a bridge of snow over a chasm that allows them to escape. That was Connery and Caine throughout their careers — two working-class blokes bluffing themselves to one great big merry laugh of a life.

As great as the scene is, it is surpassed by the (spoiler alert) climactic moment when Danny’s luck runs out. Danny, who in battle was seen taking an arrow in the leather bandolier across his chest, becomes a god-king to the natives, who believe following this lucky incident that he must be immortal. He and Peachy help themselves to all of the riches they can plunder and Danny takes the most beautiful girl for his bride, but naturally the ruse is discovered. So he bows to his fate and takes it like a man.

Sent out on a rope bridge over a gorge, understanding that he is to be executed by being made to plummet into infinity, he . . . sings. Loudly and lustily: “The Son of God goes forth to war/a kingly crown to gain.”

It might be the greatest death scene in cinema history, bluff and hearty and entirely free of regret. How grand it is to think that Connery was merely

halfway through his 90-year life.

Two other great death scenes displayed Connery’s range, his emotional warmth, his vitality: in “Robin and Marian” (1976), in which Connery plays Robin Hood at the end of his life and an incandescent Audrey Hepburn plays his lady fair in what turned out to be her final great performance, on his deathbed Connery’s Robin delivers an indescribably beautiful farewell: “I love you. More than all you know. I love you more than children. More than fields I’ve planted with my hands. I love you more than morning prayers or peace or food to eat. I love you more than sunlight, more than flesh or joy.”

Then he fires an arrow into the distance and asks Little John to bury them both where it lands. Anyone who thought of Connery as merely a wisecracking tough guy was sharply corrected by the emotional warmth he brought to this moment, and yet an even greater role was still to come.

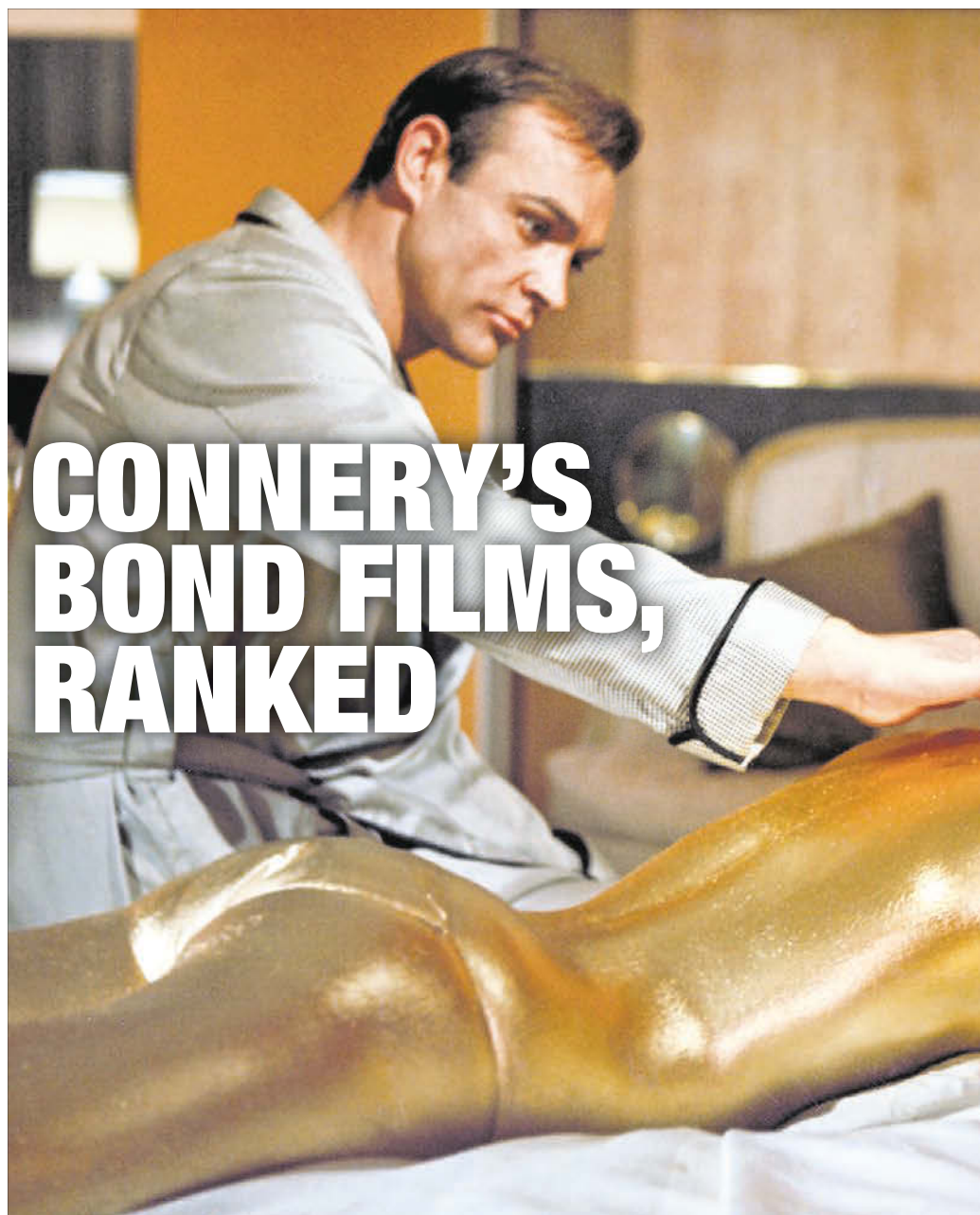
Connery was the ideal choice to deliver David Mamet’s deathless line “Isn’t that just like a wop — brings a knife to a gunfight” in “The Untouchables,” the role that was smart enough and different enough from his stereotypical parts to finally earn him his Oscar. Connery’s Malone is more of an old fox than a wolf, backing up the younger characters with tactical advice, but when he fails to anticipate one enemy maneuver it costs him about 50 bullets to the chest we’d seen proudly bared so many times.

Such was the power of Connery’s life-force that it seemed plausible that Malone could somehow hang on long enough to hand off one final clue to Kevin Costner’s Eliot Ness, and one final call to arms: “What are you prepared to do?” So often effortless, sly and dapper and cool, Connery was now desperate, torn, and mortal, and yet equally riveting. Whether prowling through a casino in a dinner jacket or crawling bloodily into eternity,

Connery was the kind of movie star who embodied the way things ought to be done — how to love, how to laugh, how to live, how to die.

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## CONNERY’S BOND FILMS, RANKED



## Many 007s



**JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI**

**I**T’S been 37 years since Sean Connery last played James Bond, in “Never Say Never Again.” But for millions of fans of all ages, he is still Bond.

That’s because the Scot, who died Saturday at age 90, was an international star of unparalleled stature. I bet your 15-year-old kid recognizes actors like Elizabeth Taylor

and Burt Reynolds, but can’t name a single one of their movies. But they know Sean Connery was James Bond. A gardener in Burma could tell you Connery was Bond.

There is plenty of in-fighting among the franchise’s fans over who their favorite 007 is, however even if a person worships Roger Moore’s raised eyebrow and Lotus Esprit or swoons when Daniel Craig does parkour, there is an unspoken understanding that the superspy’s tuxedo really belongs to Connery. The other five actors have merely borrowed it.

Did you know that the James Bond of Ian Fleming’s books isn’t very funny? In an interview, the author once called him “cold



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Sean Connery quipped and sipped martinis through seven outings as James Bond, leaving an indelible mark on the still-running 007 series.

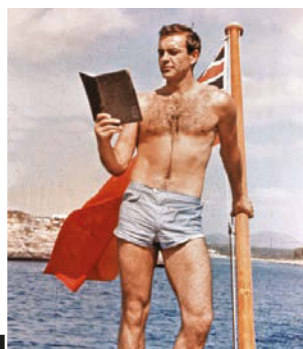
by Johnny Oleksinski

## 1 GOLDFINGER (1964)

This action epic about an insane villain who wants to plunder Fort Knox is not only Connery's best, but the best in the series. "No, Mr. Bond, I expect you to die!" Classic.

## 2 THUNDERBALL (1965)

Two nuclear warheads are hijacked in this underwater spectacle that also features a phenomenal title song by Tom Jones.



## 3 FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE (1963)

The series' second boffo hit features an exceptional performance from Lotte Lenya as a Russian villain named Rosa Klebb and Daniela Bianchi, right, as Soviet seductress Tatiana Romanova.



## 4 YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE (1967)

This globe-trotter about stolen spacecraft boasts fabulous Japanese scenery and a death-defying helicopter chase.



## 5 DR. NO (1962)

Bond battles a criminal mastermind who's hellbent on taking down the American space program in this franchise debut that was still finding its footing.



## 6 DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER (1971)

When Connery returned to the role after George Lazenby declined to make a second film, Bond was suddenly in the grimy '70s. The diamond-smuggling plot is forgettable, but the car chase through old Las Vegas is fun.



## 7 NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (1983)

This non-MGM Bond movie is strange for two reasons: It is the exact same plot as "Thunderball," but not as good. And Connery got back in the saddle at 52.



# but only one true Bond

and ruthless," and wrote that he had a "cruel" mouth. That irresistible combo of sex appeal, humor, class and physical prowess we cherish was trademarked by Connery and then embraced by everybody else.

Indeed, as unique as each Bond actor has been, every choice they have made is a riff on or a reaction to what Connery established before them.

The imitation sometimes went overboard. When the actor first left the role after 1967's "You Only Live Twice," he was replaced with an unknown Australian model named George Lazenby.

How did an Aussie with no acting expe-

rience snag the role? He went to Connery's barber to get the look.

In 1973, when Moore debuted in "Live and Let Die," the change-up in tone was so extreme it was practically a reboot. Moore was less violent than Connery, Moore told more jokes, Moore looked older, Moore was English. The actor made several phenomenal Bond films, but was dogged by comparisons to his predecessor.

When Timothy Dalton started in "The Living Daylights," 16 years after Connery had moved on, the critical consensus was, "He's gritty and masculine — just like Sean!"

Recall the tidal wave of absurd controversy when Craig was announced as the new 007 in 2005. He was — you better sit down for this — blonde! The whiners weren't Ian Fleming devotees, either. The fact is that after Connery's jet-black hair became seared on our retinas, the producers had never dared pick an actor with a mop brighter than brown.

The series has also, for decades, tried to recreate Connery's most quotable moments. Recall in "Goldfinger" when 007 meets the Bond girl. "I'm Pussy Galore," she says. A smile comes across Connery's face and he replies, "I must be dreaming."

Fast forward to 1999's "The World Is

Not Enough," starring Pierce Brosnan.

"I was wrong about you," Bond remarks to Denise Richards' scientist character Christmas Jones, with an ironic smile borrowed straight from the Sean playbook. "I thought Christmas only comes once a year."

Not that Brosnan or the other guys were ripping him off, of course. They were, purposefully or not, making fitting tributes to an enduring cultural legacy nobody will match again.

So, as long as James Bond keeps returning, Connery will still be with us — vodka martini in hand, Walther PPK in holster and a quip at the ready.



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# NY tightens seat-belt law

Buckle up!  
Under a new law starting Sunday, all car passengers in New York state must wear seat belts — even adults in the back seat.  
The law makes New York the 30th state to require seat belts for all car occupants. Unbuckled passengers in the front or rear seats can be fined \$50.  
“We’ve known for decades that seat belts save lives and with this measure we are ... helping to

prevent needless tragedies,” Gov. Cuomo said when in August he signed the measure into law.  
Buses and emergency vehicles are exempt from New York’s new law — but not taxis.  
A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found just 68 percent of rear-seat passengers buckle up in states where they are not required to — compared to 81 percent in states that require belts

for all passengers.  
Failure to wear a seat belt is a common cause of death in state and city car crashes, data show.  
The Governor’s Office says about 30 percent of New York highway deaths are occupants unrestrained by a seat belt. The state lists 1,033 fatalities in motor-vehicle crashes in 2018, its latest tally.  
New York in 1984 enacted the nation’s first-ever seat-belt law.  
*Susan Edelman*



Christopher Sadowski

# DOE stats ‘cover up’ awful attendance

By SUSAN EDELMAN

The city Department of Education is hiding abysmal attendance in many schools on its Web site by omitting the numbers of students showing up, critics say.  
Mayor de Blasio admitted last week that only 283,000 students — about a quarter of the 1 million enrolled — have set foot in classes “at least once” since schools reopened. He had earlier claimed about 500,000 children were coming in.  
But DOE spokesmen refused to say how many students have shown up more than once or on a regular basis, raising doubts about de Blasio’s ability to deliver the classroom instruction he promised.  
“Concealing the attendance data is a tacit admission that the administration has been unable to provide in-school instruction in a way that has garnered the confidence of families in NYC,” said Eric Nadelstern, a deputy chancellor of teaching and learning under ex-Mayor Mike Bloomberg.  
The DOE did not reveal any attendance data for the first month after schools reopened.  
Last week, under pressure from The Post and other media, the DOE started posting daily attendance rates at each of 1,600 schools — only percentages, not numbers.  
The DOE claimed citywide average daily attendance up to 88 percent. Its Web site also listed widely varying rates of students attending classes in-person and online at each of the schools.  
The DOE would not explain



Helayne Seidman

**ALONE:** Jordan Pincus says Forest Hills HS in Queens “feels like a ghost building” with few kids on hand.



**Not a single student is getting instruction from their teacher live and in person.**  
— Teacher Jordan Pincus

why it omitted the numbers.  
In addition, the Web site listed as many as 421 city schools — a quarter of the system — without any attendance data.  
Some teachers say the tallies at their schools have hit rock-bottom. At Forest Hills HS, which has 3,800 students, only 42 or so students showed up on Wednesday — about a third of those expected to attend, staffers said. “It feels like a ghost building,” social studies teacher Jordan Pincus told The Post.  
Only a few students sat in some classrooms — all with windows

open for ventilation — while dozens of classrooms stood empty. All the teens logged onto laptops to take classes led by teachers at home or elsewhere in the building.  
“Not a single student is getting instruction from their teacher live and in person,” Pincus said. “Nobody.”  
Pincus teaches social studies remotely four days a week. Once a week, he simply stands watch over kids taking classes online.  
“I’m at home when I’m teaching. The only time I’m in school is when I’m not teaching,” he said.  
On Friday, the DOE listed 94 per-

cent of Forest Hills students attended remotely; 25.8 percent of kids due to attend in person showed up.  
Lax grading will further mask the no-shows. The 2020-21 grading policy unveiled last week states “attendance will not be a factor in student grades.” An NX, “course in progress,” will replace a failing grade.  
“We have kids who ... participate more remotely on the days that they are supposed to be in school,” Mayor de Blasio told WNYC’s Brian Lehrer Friday. “We have school seats sitting [empty].



# Charles' crowning moment?

Prince Charles, king at last? The 71-year-old eldest son of Queen Elizabeth would ascend the throne in just six months if his mother steps down on her next birthday as the royal biographer predicts. "I still firmly believe when the queen becomes 95, that she will step down," Robert Jobson told True Royalty TV.

Elizabeth marks another year on April 21. She was all of 27 when she was crowned Feb. 6, 1952, on the death of her father, King George VI. Charles turns 72 in two weeks, on Nov. 14.

Newsweek royal reporter Jack Royston agreed a royal shake-up is coming.

"I think she won't want to, but realistically she will get to a point where she has handed over everything to Charles and then how do you look your son in the eye and tell him he is not going to be king?"

Jobson also weighed in on two other family members — Prince Harry and Prince Andrew — and he wasn't kind to either.

The palace-watcher described Harry's comments about his subconscious bias as "bare-faced hypocrisy."

"I remember him making racial slurs about an Asian officer which was filmed by himself and distributed by his friends and he had to apologize for making racial comments," Jobson said. "I find Harry telling everyone else that they are structurally racist hypocritical."

As for Andrew, Jobson doubts the queen's third child will return to royal duties. *Eileen AJ Connelly*

# 'SICK' OR TREAT

## How to H'ween during COVID

By SARA DORN

A pandemic and near-freezing temps couldn't scare away Halloween spirits Saturday as creative methods for contactless distribution — like candy catapults — saved trick-or-treating from cancellation on the first Oct. 31 under COVID-19.

Vince Mak and his 8-year-old son, Connor created a crazy candy contraption in York County, Pa., so they could launch sweets into the bags of trick-or-treaters.

"Back in September we thought 'Well, what if Halloween doesn't happen?' So we thought we have to find a way . . . to at least get some candy to kids," Mak said.

The "candypult" was a hit. Connor, dressed as a ninja, gleefully showered his friends and teen sisters in treats in their front yard.

In Ridgewood, NJ, entrepreneurial twins CJ and Dante Torielli found a similar way to beat their pandemic boredom. They built and sold slides that keep candy-givers and kids 10 feet apart.

The tubes netted a \$7 profit for each of the boys, who distributed 30 of them to neighbors.

"I'm excited to help," Dante said.

"We are basically just trying to keep people safe and happy," CJ added.

Mother Nature cast an icy spell on the day's festivities in New York City, where the mercury dipped to 33 degrees Saturday morning. But that couldn't stop costumed revelers.

In Forest Hills, Queens, kids and their families could look, but not



**FALL SAINTS:** Kids trick or treat safely Saturday in Springettsbury Township, Pa., where Vince Mak — and son Connor (below), 9, manning the Candypult — deployed a custom device to toss candy in his front yard. Elsewhere, Halloween enthusiasts came up with other solutions for the pandemic, including candy slides to maintain social distancing.

touch, a spooky display of skeletons, goblins and ghouls galore outside Halloween-lover Frederic Sandy's 69th Avenue home.

"It's different because we can't really go out and celebrate the true authenticity of Halloween, dressing up and meeting with friends and trick or treating . . . it's very sad," Eva Lokaj said while dropping off a pumpkin she and her 8-year-old son Michael carved for Sandy's display. The home had amassed 65 donated jack-o'-lanterns by Saturday afternoon.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we reach our 100 mark," said Sandy, who spent nearly \$4,000 to decorate his yard, where he distributed goody bags.

"You see a lot of negativity," Sandy said. "This has brought a lot of people together."

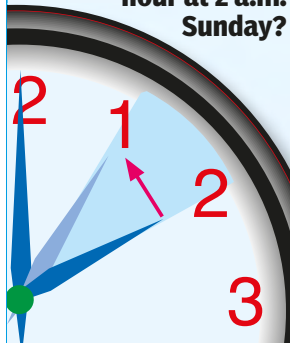
Greenpoint trick-or-treaters were also determined to keep Halloween traditions alive.

"F--k the COVID, we can kill the COVID this year," said Patrizia Belcastro, who was dressed as Freddy Krueger, with daughter Emma, 6, dressed as Supergirl. "We have masks, we have hand sanitizer. We want to go trick or treat. The kids need it."



## Fall back

Did you remember to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday?





## Voter files

The most hotly contested presidential contest in decades is driving some voters to the polls for the first time in their lives, or to take philosophical U-turns.

New Yorkers told The Post their motivations for backing President Trump or Joe Biden, including the rise in crime and the coronavirus pandemic — which has touched each in different ways.

Another is making an interesting split, supporting Trump and progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

**Barry Crupi, 41**  
**Neighborhood: Great Kills, SI**  
**Profession: auto-body shop owner**  
**Last time he voted: never**

**Who he's voting for this year: Trump**

"I registered a few months ago and I'm now a Republican. Before, I didn't want to be bothered. The riots happening in Democratic cities changed all that, and so did a dangerous spike in violent crimes on Staten Island. My vote is going to Nicole Malliotakis for Congress and to Trump. I don't like every single thing about Trump, but a lot of what he does is good. He shows just how biased the media are... I'm a single dad to an 11-year-old son. I own my own business, Barry's Auto Body, and the shutdowns have really hurt. The Democrats think they can shut everyone's business down... That's communism as far as I'm concerned. The Democrats care more about rioting criminals than hardworking Americans. I can't wait to get in the voting booth." (As told to Doree Lewak)



**Aria Zelnik, 38**  
**Neighborhood: West Village**  
**Profession: freelance publicist**  
**Last time she voted: never**

**Who she's voting for this year: Biden**

"I've always followed politics and the news... but I never felt compelled to vote. Even though I've lived in two swing states — Florida and Ohio — as

an adult of voting age, I never really thought my vote would make a difference. But the pandemic made me want to vote for the first time in my life. My vote for Joe Biden is a rebuke to Trump's handling of COVID, because of my 28-year-old brother, who still deals with residual health issues after his bout with the virus in March. Trump was callous about COVID when he recently said, 'Don't be afraid.' It took me 20 years to have a personal stake in the political process, but I finally wanted to use my vote as my voice." (As told to DL)

**Yahay Obeid, 37**  
**Neighborhood: Morris Park, The Bronx**  
**Profession: air-traffic control supervisor at JFK Airport**  
**Last time he voted: in 2016 (for Hillary Clinton); in 2018 (for Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez)**  
**Who he's voting for this year: Trump and Ocasio-Cortez**

"People call me crazy for voting for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Donald Trump. But I have always been a very independent person. I'm originally from central Yemen and immigrated to the United States when I was 8 years old. The Yemeni community loves AOC and Trump, though many are afraid to admit the latter... In 2016, Trump put me off with his calls to ban Muslims from entering the United States. But Trump has brought big and positive changes to the Middle East and reined in Iran... I'm also a very big supporter of law enforcement. Democrats have been a real disappointment lately." (As told to Jon Levine)



# PULLING

## Race tightens

| REGION     | TRUMP | BIDEN |
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| NATIONALLY | 44.7% | 49.5% |
| MIDWEST    | 46.3% | 48.4% |
| NORTHEAST  | 34.6% | 57.3% |
| SOUTH      | 49%   | 45.6% |
| WEST       | 43.5% | 51%   |

Source: IBD/TIPP tracking poll, Oct. 31

## Points toward a close match

The race for the White House is tightening, a new poll shows — with Joe Biden's lead dipping to just under 5 percentage points nationally and a much closer 3-point margin in the battleground states.

The results of the IBD/TIPP tracking poll, released Saturday, give President Trump fresh hope for another Electoral College win, even if he loses the popular vote.

"Biden has a narrow 3-point edge in swing states, those six states decided by less than 2 points in 2016," Investor's Business Daily said in its findings.

Biden has 49.5 percent support nationwide in the poll of likely voters, compared with 44.7 percent for Trump — a 4.8-point lead, well outside the survey's 3.2-point margin of error.

Trump gained almost a full point on Biden from the poll's

Friday findings, which had the Democrat with a 5.6-point lead.

The poll has found Biden holding a seesawing lead in recent weeks, with Trump only 2 points behind on Oct. 20.

But with Biden racking up large totals in safely blue regions like the Northeast and the West Coast, his national lead could be deceiving.

In the Midwestern swing states that once formed the Democrats' "blue wall" — and which Trump flipped red in 2016 — Biden leads by only 2 points.

The poll found Trump with 48 percent of the Latino vote, near Biden's 50 percent — and with 13 percent of the African-American vote, an improvement over the 8 percent who voted for him in 2016.

Mary Kay Linge

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## Joe & O in Mich. as Don does Pa.

By MARY KAY LINGE

President Trump attacked Joe Biden as part of a "corrupt political class" at a Pennsylvania campaign stop on Saturday — while the Democratic nominee and his old boss, former President Barack Obama, double-teamed Trump at a Michigan rally, their first in-person campaign appearance together.

"Everyone knows that Joe Biden is not equipped to lead America," Trump told a crowd of supporters at Keith House in Bucks County, the Colonial farmhouse where George Washington planned his crossing of the Delaware in 1776.

He pooh-poohed the news that Obama was hitting the trail this weekend.

"I said that's good, he campaigned for Hillary," Trump snarked. "How did that work out?"

Obama, at an invitation-only drive-in rally in Flint, mocked Trump's fondness for huge campaign events as Election Day nears.

"What is his obsession, by the way, with crowd size?" he asked a modest group of supporters seated in their vehicles, who honked their car horns in approval.

"This is the one measure he has of success. Did no one come to his birthday party when he was a kid? Is he traumatized?" Obama asked. "Our country is going through a pandemic! That's not what you're supposed to be worried about."

Michigan, which Trump won by just 11,000 votes in 2016, is one of Biden's top Election Day targets — and despite a 7-point lead in the state, according to RealClearPolitics, the former vice president hauled out his top surrogate on Saturday to try to clinch it.

Obama and Biden's visits to Flint and to Detroit, the state's



# 'SWING' SHIFTS

**HOPING FOR A STUMP BUMP:** President Obama and Joe Biden play it safe in Flint, Mich., Saturday during their first campaign appearance together in person. President Trump, meanwhile, rallied his fans in Bucks County, Pa.



Getty Images

## An 'ugly' way to campaign

Reps for President Trump's re-election campaign ginned up outrage on Friday after Joe Biden attacked a group of Trump supporters honking their car horns in protest during his Minnesota rally as "ugly folks."

"Joe Biden's staffer who tweets for him tweets about 'decency' all the time. Yet when Biden speaks, he regularly insults

Trump supporters," tweeted GOP Rapid Response Director Steve Guest.

The Trump campaign's press-communications director, Erin Perrine, tweeted, "I'd rather be Team Ugly Folks than an anti-vaxxer," likely referring to Democrats' public skepticism about any COVID-19 vaccine developed under the administration. *Jon Levine*

largest African-American strongholds, reflect nervousness among some Democrats that Trump has made inroads among black voters, whose early-voting turnout has been low.

"The Biden campaign is worried that the Trump campaign will peel off some of the African-American vote," a senior Democratic Party insider told The Post. "They may peel off more than logic should allow."

Both Biden and Obama focused heavily on the coronavirus, accusing Trump of mishandling a pandemic that is blamed for nearly 230,000 deaths.

"His closing argument this week is that the press and people are too focused on COVID," Obama said. "'COVID, COVID, COVID,' he's complaining. He's jealous of COVID's media coverage!"

"Imagine where we'd be if we had a president who wore a mask instead of mocking

it," Biden said in a heated, 22-minute speech. "What makes it go away is if he goes away."

Trump, meanwhile, argued that Biden's support for lockdowns and school closures to combat the virus' spread are untenable.

"That's his only plan, make you a prisoner of your home, a prisoner in your own country," he said. "A child in a classroom cannot be replaced by a computer."

He added, "Draconian lockdowns do not stop the virus."

Biden waxed nostalgic about the Obama presidency.

"Kind of reminds you of how good it can be, listening to him, doesn't it?" Biden said after Obama introduced him.

The ex-veep touched only briefly on Trump's accusations of corruption against him and son Hunter Biden.

"Eight years without one single trace of

scandal," he said of the Obama-Biden administration. "It's going to be nice to return to that."

By the end of a rollicking day of campaigning, the candidates — both in their 70s — had each joked about beating each other up.

"He's not a big guy," Trump said of Biden. "A slight slap, you wouldn't have to close your fist."

"When you were in high school," Biden told his Flint audience of Trump, "wouldn't you have liked to take a shot?"

First Lady Melania Trump teased Biden for his passive campaign schedule.

"When you hide in a basement, you feel safe communicating your wishful thinking," she said at a rare appearance in another battleground state, Wisconsin. "I watch Donald continue to work hard to keep people informed and calm, to protect our economy and make hard and unpopular decisions to do all he could to keep us all safe."

Trump told supporters in Reading, the second of four stops Saturday in critical Pennsylvania: "You are so lucky that we took this journey together. Pennsylvania, you are so lucky. You better get out and vote on Tuesday."



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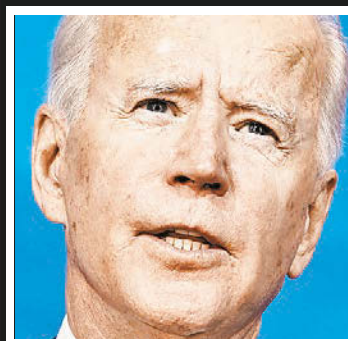


# THE BIDEN FILES

Bella Bellini



# HUNTER'S UKRAINE GANG



**CRIMINAL NETWORK:** Vadym Pozharskyi (far left) is the thug-gish adviser to Burisma, the company that paid Joe Biden's son Hunter (far right) \$50,000 a month — and which has reported financial connections to ruthless oligarch Igor Kolomoisky (near left).

## The thugs and oligarchs behind family deal

By DANA KENNEDY

Trim, prone to sharp suits and with a Jason Statham vibe, Vadym Pozharskyi is the mysterious “adviser” to the head of Ukraine’s notorious Burisma oil and natural gas company — and the man at the center of the latest Biden family scandal.

As operatives for Ukrainian oligarchs go, Pozharskyi, 41, is one of the toughest, trained in the trenches of one of the world’s most corrupt countries, say sources familiar with him.

He’s been linked to Hunter Biden, 50, since Biden joined the company’s board in 2014. The son of then-Vice President Joe Biden was useful to Pozharskyi as a \$50,000-a-month liaison to the powerful in Washington, DC.

Since 2014, four journalists have uncovered links between the myriad offshore companies that are part of Burisma Holdings and Ukraine’s most powerful, ruthless oligarch, Igor Kolomoisky. Shrouded

in secrecy, Burisma has been described as “a big shell company network of a classic British kind, with ownership and control completely obfuscated.”

According to e-mails obtained by The Post, Hunter allegedly introduced his veep dad to Pozharskyi less than a year before Joe Biden leaned on government officials in Ukraine to fire a prosecutor probing the \$400 million company.

“Dear Hunter, thank you for inviting me to DC and giving an opportunity to meet your father and spent some time together,” Pozharskyi allegedly wrote to Biden on April 17, 2015. An alleged e-mail from May 2014 shows Pozharskyi asking Hunter for “advice on how you could use your influence” on the company’s behalf.

The missives — which seem to directly contradict Joe Biden’s claim that he’s “never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings” — were found on a laptop computer Hunter Biden allegedly left with a Delaware re-

pairman. A copy of the hard drive was later given to former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who provided a copy to The Post.

The Biden campaign has denied that Joe Biden ever had an “official” meeting with Pozharskyi but admitted it couldn’t rule out that the two men had ever met.

Hunter left Burisma in 2019 but Pozharskyi, the No. 3 executive at the company, is believed to have remained. Pozharskyi did not return e-mails from The Post, and calls to Burisma’s offices in Kiev, Cyprus and London went unanswered.

Pozharskyi forged his career in post-Soviet Ukraine when, analysts say, ruthless businessmen like Kolomoisky used their own private armies to wrest control of other companies. Because the military was so weak, the mercenary battalions often operated with impunity — both fending off Russian separatists and strong-arming energy companies they wanted to take over.

His boss, the oligarch Mykola Zlochev-

sky, once Ukraine’s powerful minister of ecology and natural resources, established Burisma in 2002. Last year, Ukraine’s prosecutor general said Zlochevsky was suspected of “theft of government funds on an especially large scale.”

Less well known, but potentially more sinister, are Pozharskyi’s reported ties to Ukraine’s most thuggish billionaire, Kolomoisky. The Bond villain-like Kolomoisky, 57, reportedly kept a live shark in a tank in his office to intimidate visitors and once called Russian President Vladimir Putin a “schizophrenic dwarf.”

But his bloodthirstiness reportedly matched his bravado. He crushed Russian separatists with his private armies, according to numerous reports, and ordered contract killings, the Daily Beast reported.

Kolomoisky has never been charged with murder. He has refuted such allegations and denied involvement with Burisma. His lawyer did not return Post messages.

## Infamous laptop had lousy security

It didn’t take much for investigators to crack Hunter Biden’s infamous abandoned laptop, according to a report, because the password was “Hunter02.”

The laptop’s hard drive, subject of a series of New York Post stories and currently under investigation by the FBI, had the flimsy password despite contain-

ing a trove of e-mails and other data relating to his father, Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden, the Mail on Sunday reported. *Laura Italiano*

## Burisma link ‘bothered’ Obama WH

The Obama White House was “bothered” by Hunter Biden’s ties to the Ukrainian energy company Burisma and officials found his presence

on the company board of directors while his father was vice president “unseemly,” according to a new book.

The revelations were

first published by New Yorker writer Evan Osnos in “Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now,” the Daily Mail reported. *Jon Levine*





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## His silence speaks volumes

**E**D Koch never missed an opportunity to tell his side of a story. When a newspaper or television report said something about him he saw as wrong or unfair, the late New York mayor invariably fired off a letter of complaint.

The habit was so pronounced that I once asked him why he bothered, especially when the issue was minor. His answer: If you don't object, your silence is assumed to be agreement.

Attention, Joe Biden. This is why your silence in the face of serious allegations of corruption is highly suspicious. It makes you look guilty.

If you are innocent, why don't you say so?

As a very strange presidential campaign enters the final days, one of its strangest features is taking center stage. The Democrats' presidential nominee, who has spent most days in his Delaware basement, has not disputed charges that he was secretly involved in his family's business schemes, including while he was vice president.

Doubly strange, Biden also has remained silent about the explosive claim by a former partner in one family venture. Retired Navy Lt. Tony Bobulinski told The Post and others that he met with Joe Biden in 2017 to discuss a partnership with Chinese executives tied to the ruling Communist Party, a deal where Bobulinski says the former vice president is the "big guy" who had a concealed 10 percent stake.

Biden's failure to offer straightforward denials is baffling because the charges are serious enough to help President Trump. Yet even that prospect has not stirred the Biden campaign to action, nor has it deputized surrogates to make denials for him.

There is only silence. Instead of a thundering, "NO, Hell NO," we get crickets.

Although Biden initially called allegations tied to e-mails found on son Hunter Biden's laptop a "smear" and "Russian disinformation" and claimed at the second debate he had "never taken a penny from a foreign source," he refuses to address specific questions.

For example, one of the e-mails on the laptop thanked Hunter for arranging a meeting with Joe Biden when he was vice president. The sender was an adviser to Ukrainian energy company Burisma, which was paying Hunter up to \$83,000 month as a director.

At first, the Biden camp said no such meeting was on Joe's schedule, but aides then allowed one might have taken place anyway. What should voters make of that?

Such a meeting would demolish the claim Joe Biden has made for years, that he "never" discussed with Hunter the son's foreign business deals. The claim was never credible, but it would be proven false beyond a doubt if he did meet with a Burisma



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official at Hunter's request. That, in turn, would open the former veep to questions about what else he did over his 47 years in Washington to help Hunter cash in on his father's power.

The refusal to contest the initial charges grows even more bizarre in the aftermath of Bobulinski's additional allegations, which include compelling evidence in the form of e-mails, messages and recordings. Biden's failure to challenge the second set of charges would be fatal in almost any other campaign because the situation looks dirty and directly links him to China when most voters have an unfavorable view of that nation.

Although many news organizations ignored The Post's revelations and Twitter froze the paper's feed in an obvious plot to protect Biden, Fox News' Tucker Carlson's interview with Bobulinski alone drew nearly 8 million viewers. And Trump brings up the topic repeatedly at rallies, meaning many millions of people have heard of the charges, making Biden's silence risky.

He remains the front-runner only because Big Media is also doing something unheard of: refusing to press their favored candidate on the issue.

Operating like mobsters who took a vow of omerta instead of journalists looking for facts, most major outlets either ignored

The Post's stories or ran transparent efforts to knock them down. More glaring, those outlets don't use the few opportunities where Biden takes press questions to ask about anything involving Hunter's deals or Bobulinski's allegations.

What did you know, Joe, and when did you know it would be a good start.

Naturally, The New York Times is leading the protection racket. It has known for weeks that Biden was the "big guy" in the China deal, yet won't publish it. Most egregious, Saturday's paper ran a long story on how Biden "Agonizes Over Son Weaponized by the Right."

Writer Mark Leibovich does not even mention Bobulinski's allegations, or acknowledge that the charges are no longer just about Hunter's business, but also implicate Joe. Instead, Leibovich aims to create sympathy for the candidate on the eve of the election.

The intentionally misleading article reflects the complete corruption of the Times. That conclusion is confirmed by yet another front-page story Saturday on Trump's taxes, which bemoans his use of "so-called depreciation losses," as if he alone uses that legal tax feature. It's a near certainty The New York Times also claims depreciation losses on its buildings and equipment, producing tax reductions that

### Dumb & dumber

Mayor de Blasio's Department of Education continues to dumb down everything it touches. The latest attack on standards is an order barring schools from lowering grades of students who don't show up or turn in late assignments.

The educators should listen to Bronx mother Veronica Flores. "This is not how the world works," she tells The Post. "No one is going to hand you anything."

She gets it. Too bad City Hall doesn't.

### B'WAY'S VIRAL HITS

Because we all need to laugh, reader Harold Theurer imagines show titles when Broadway finally reopens.

"The COVID King"

"A Long Days Journey Into Quarantine"

"Phantom of the Wuhan"

"Annie Get Your Vaccine"

"Two Scientists of Corona"

"The Book of COVID"

"Assassins" — a musical about governors who forced infected patients into nursing homes

help pay reporters' salaries.

These relentless propaganda attacks on the president reveal that the media and tech bias against Trump has metastasized into something foul and sinister.

The whole point of a free media is to inform the public of important facts. But the Times, The Washington Post, CNN and the broadcast networks, along with Twitter and Facebook, have turned that duty on its head. Now they conspire to hide critical information from voters.

Donald Trump has been far from an ideal president. Yet his most important policies yielded both peace and prosperity for our nation, the fundamental yardsticks of presidential success.

At the same time, Trump has been mercilessly hounded by an out-for-blood media working in confederation with unscrupulous members of the Obama-Biden administration. He became just the third president to be impeached thanks to a partisan abuse of power orchestrated by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and abetted by backstabbing deep staters.

Trump's success is a sufficient reason to vote for him. If you require another, consider the reprehensible conduct of Democrats, the media and tech giants.

They must not be rewarded with victory. That way lies disaster.



## Epidemic of parcel thefts

### NYers see rise in box bandits

Pandemic porch pirates.

They're a new breed with a new M.O.: more brazen and pickier, ripping open packages, grabbing the priciest stuff and leaving the boxes and bubble wrap behind.

Tens of thousands of other New Yorkers have seen their deliveries either picked over or stolen outright — sometimes while they were working from home.

The thieves are hitting most often, at least anecdotally, in Manhattan's well-to-do neighborhoods and across Brooklyn.

"Every single neighborhood," said Jennifer Chused, 49, an interior designer who lives in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. "Every single person I talk to is talking about their packages getting stolen."

The NYPD doesn't separate out package thefts from other larcenies so there aren't statistics to back up the stories. But many victims blame the apparent spike on the coronavirus, which has left a high number of New Yorkers jobless and also spurred a big bump in online shopping.

Adelaide Spence (pictured), an NYPD sergeant, was on the job at One Police Plaza when bandits hit her Brooklyn Heights apartment twice in mid-September. She's certain her long work hours and her non-doorman building made her an easy target.



"Easy pickings," Spence, 39, said. "Easy pickings."

Two of her packages vanished. Two others were rifled through. Pants, a scarf, a watch, boots — worth \$350 in all — were stolen.

The thief didn't want her new frying pan, though.

"It sucks," said Spence, who now pays \$150 a year to rent a post-office box.

A few weeks ago, Sebastian Shapiro noticed packages left "helter-skelter" in the lobby of his non-doorman building on the Upper West Side.

A few packages had been emptied, but the Shapiro family's reptile-tank lights went untouched.

"I've never seen anything like that, and I've been in this building four or five years," said Shapiro, 47, who works in analytics.

Alex Morton, a 34-year-old actor/restaurant manager, had a \$70 blazer and a \$45 blouse from Banana Republic ripped off at her non-doorman building in Fort Greene. Now she has everything delivered to her workplace.

"At least the chances of getting your packages at work are higher than at home," she said.

The thieves' brazenness is what Chused can't believe. She has been hit four times in the past four months. LED light bulbs and children's clothing vanished. Everything totaled: roughly \$1,000. *Melanie Gray*

### Uber rider shot dead

An Uber passenger who requested a pit stop was shot dead early Saturday in Brooklyn, police said.

During his ride, Sheldon Nyack, 32, asked the driver to make a stop on Avenue H between East 53rd and 54th streets in Flatlands, according to police. When Nyack got back in the car, he said he'd been shot, and the driver took him to Brookdale Hospital, where he died in surgery.

*Sara Dorn, Dean Balsamini*

### Girl, dad, 1 other shot

Three bystanders, including an 8-year-old girl and her 39-year-old father, were struck by bullets when someone pulled a gun during an argument outside a Harlem supermarket Saturday evening, police said.

The kid and her dad walked to the hospital, police said.

The 7 p.m. incident outside the Fine Fare on Lenox Avenue also left a 33-year-old woman with an arm wound.

*Larry Celona, Alex Taylor and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

## Bike cops put the pedal



**RIDE:** Cops in the Strategic Response Group deploy in Brooklyn last week backed by an array of gear (inset), and group member Thomas Corcoran trains at The Bronx's "Joker stairs."

# NYPD SQUAD 'GEARING' UP FOR UNREST

By DANA KENNEDY

Fearing riots after Tuesday's election, New Yorkers are on edge — and that includes the NYPD.

While Manhattan shopkeepers board up their businesses, the NYPD's elite Strategic Response Group has been amping up its tactical training for weeks now in anticipation of possible unrest.

Their secret weapon is their bike squad, and the two-wheeled cops are deadly serious in their drilling.

Not far from the SRG's headquarters in The Bronx's High-

bridge section, the cops mount their Trek bicycles and hurtle down a steep 138-step set of stairs — famously featured in "Joker" — to make sure they can handle themselves like BMX champs in case of a riot.

"Our game is always up," Deputy Chief John J. D'Adamo, the veteran boss of the SRG, told The Post. "We're hoping for the best this week, but we're prepared for the worst. People have gotten emboldened out there. We're living through unprecedented times. But we're prepared for whatever might happen."

Even so, D'Adamo's crew was shocked by the speed with which a mostly peaceful protest in Brooklyn Tuesday night turned violent. Six SRG police officers were injured in the melee that D'Adamo blamed on a small group of "radical anarchists" at the demonstration.

As a result, they took no chances on Wednesday when, trailed by a Post reporter and photographer, they flooded Brooklyn's Fort Greene section before another planned demonstration.

"Last night is not happening tonight!" D'Adamo yelled at his more



## CITY IN CRISIS

## to the mettle as election turmoil looms



Photos: Matthew McDermott

than 125 officers, most on Trek bikes and clad in black body armor called “turtle gear” — or sometimes “God forbid gear” — as they deployed around two parks.

D’Adamo’s words proved prophetic. The protesters reportedly got wind of the massive police presence and decided not to show up.

“Are we a deterrent?” D’Adamo said. “I’d like to think so. I hope they saw we meant business. We are all about de-escalation.”

The roughly 600 officers in the rapid deployment unit are trained to react quickly to bad situations,

like civil unrest, active shooters and large-scale terrorist attacks.

On Wednesday night, the unit’s vans were crammed with bikes and other gear including polycarbonate shields, active-shooter kits, fire-extinguishing kits, Mace and tourniquets and bandages.

The unit has increased its mobilization drills in recent months as cops and civilians brace for possible post-election upheavals.

“We aren’t against peaceful protests,” D’Adamo said. “The last thing we want to do is make arrests. We want people to be able to scream at the top of their lungs

about whatever they want — and we also want them to finish what they have to do safely and get home safely.

“I want our officers to get home safely, too.”

That wasn’t the case in Brooklyn Tuesday night, when cops clashed with about 200 marchers in Fort Greene who left a trail of destruction in their wake following the Philadelphia police-shooting death of an unarmed black man.

Protesters vandalized police vehicles, broke windows, torched an American flag and lit at least one rubbish fire. One cop suf-

fered a leg injury when a car sped past a line of police officers after being ordered to stop. Police arrested 30 protesters.

“I was a cop during Occupy Wall Street, and I thought that would be the worst I’d ever see but I was wrong,” an SRG officer who was injured in the protest told The Post. “In 16 years I’ve never seen anything like what’s going on now. We’re getting bottles, bricks, you name it thrown at us now.”

The SRG employs the finest of New York’s Finest.

“It’s a completely voluntary

unit,” D’Adamo said. “But we don’t take just anybody.”

D’Adamo says applicants must pass a fierce one-hour verbal test designed to see if they can handle in-your-face confrontations. They also undergo five weeks of intensive heavy-weapons, counterterrorism, bike, hazmat and medical training.

“We’re the Swiss Army Knife of police units,” Capt. David S. Miller told The Post before suiting up in turtle gear and leading officers on bikes that night in Brooklyn. “We’ve got all the bases covered.”



# Sl-eatery kin dish out COVID criticism

By JON LEVINE

While Dr. Anthony Fauci continues to urge caution in opening up bars and restaurants in his role as national coronavirus czar, another Anthony Fauci — his Staten Island cousin — slings sauce in his popular Italian restaurant and laments what his relative has done to the dining industry.

“They shouldn’t do the lockdowns. Especially now. If you don’t abide by the rules . . . shut that area down, but don’t shut down the whole industry,” said the 84-year-old founder of La Fontana, Anthony Fauci.

His son, Joe Fauci, 57, who runs the eatery in Oakwood, echoed his dad’s concerns, while still expressing admiration for his famous relative.

“In the beginning, I thought he was fabulous, but then a few times he flip-flopped on different things. He had us all locked down at a tremendous rate,” Joe told The Post. “They should have loosened things up when it was slowing down in the summer. Everything else was loosening up except the restaurant business.”

Dr. Fauci, 79, has in the past said he was open to a nationwide lockdown to halt the spread of the deadly virus. In recent months he has said that probably won’t be necessary, but still resisted moves to get things back to normal. In September he called Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis’ decision to fully reopen bars and restaurants “very concerning.”

Anthony Fauci and his cousin both hailed from Brooklyn. The Faucis trace their roots to Naples and Sicily, but the Staten Island part of the clan pronounces their last name as “Faw-



**FAMILY FOOD FEUD:** La Fontana founder Anthony Fauci (no, not *that* one) and son Joe disagree with the lockdowns of their famous kin (bottom).

# This Fauci says, let us open up!

See,” while the famous doctor uses “Fow-Chee.”

“My father and his father were first cousins. His grandfather and my grandfather were brothers,” the Staten Island Anthony said, recalling how his younger brother would

bring mail to Dr. Fauci’s family drug store in Bensonhurst.

Joe and Anthony Fauci have never met their famous relative. But they had their own success. Since its opening in 1983, La Fontana has become a

neighborhood staple and GOP gathering place.

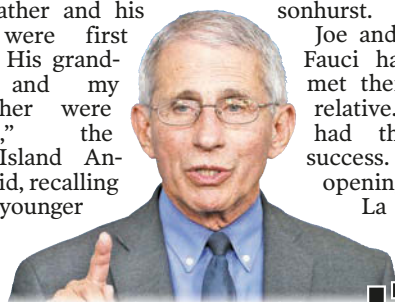
Former Staten Island Congressman and GOP kingmaker Guy Molinari was a regular before his death in 2018. His daughter, former Rep. Susan Molinari, and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis also come by frequently.

Joe Fauci said despite their differing philoso-

phies, he was still “very proud” of Dr. Fauci and that overall he was doing a “spectacular job” leading the White House coronavirus task force.

But he says the worst for restaurants is yet to come.

“Nobody is paying any expenses. But in a couple of months from now, you will see how bad it will be,” he warned.



# Cuomo orders quarantine & test for visitors

Most people who visit New York will have to quarantine for three days, then prove they are negative for COVID-19 before they are “free to go about their business,” Gov. Cuomo announced Saturday.

The strict new mandate — which exempts New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania —

eliminates the governor’s quarantine advisory list, which restricted travel from more than 40 coronavirus hot spots across the country.

Now travelers must show proof of a negative test taken within three days of arriving in the Empire State, and must also quarantine for three more days — and get

a new COVID-19 test on the fourth.

If that’s positive, they must isolate for two weeks, the governor said at an Albany press briefing.

“Four days plus three days is seven days, and that’s basically, by all probability, the incubation period,” Cuomo said as he an-

nounced 2,049 new cases across the state and eight deaths reported yesterday.

Also Saturday, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a new monthlong lockdown for England as COVID-19 cases surged, with 25,000 new cases being confirmed daily. *Dean Balsamini*

# Crash kills girl & adult

An 8-year-old girl died in front of her family when she was hit by an out-of-control car in Queens during a shopping outing for her brother’s 17th birthday, heartbroken relatives said Saturday.

Jashanty Cole had just left Jimmy Jazz in Jamaica at 5:30 p.m. Friday when a Range Rover jumped a curb along 164th Street, fatally hitting the girl and pedestrian Yuniang Cong, 65.

“I heard a car coming but did not know from where,” her legal guardian, Phylecia Harris, 71, told The Post.

“She was a very happy girl; she loved gymnastics, and she was an artist who designed some of her own clothes,” the grieving woman said of the third-grader.

Cong’s family is also grieving, said her son, Winter Guerra, who called her “a talented artist and loving mother.” Cong was a watercolorist who enjoyed sketching outdoor scenes all over the city and in China, he said.

*Sara Dorn*

# Nurse: Bx. doc ‘racist’

A pediatric surgeon at Montefiore Medical Center in The Bronx made a racist remark to an operating-room nurse, according to a petition demanding the doc apologize.

Hannah Dorvil alleges that Dr. Mindy Statter called her a “dumb black nurse,” according to the petition by the New York State Nurses Association.

Statter, 62, who heads the surgical residency program, did not respond to a request for comment. A Montefiore spokeswoman told The Post: “The matter is . . . under investigation.” *Melissa Klein*

# Mex. journo slain

A Mexican television journalist was shot dead in the border city of Ciudad Juárez, across from El Paso, Texas, prosecutors reported Friday.

Arturo Alba Medina was found dead on a street late Thursday.

They added that at least two assailants were involved. *AP*





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## Orlando magic

SEVENTIES star **Tony Orlando** is getting his own late-night radio show, we're told. The "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" singer will be doing the 10 p.m.-to-midnight slot on WABC Saturdays, and we're told he's hoping to have celebrity pals like **Adam Sandler** and **Lionel Richie** call in. **John Catsimatidis**, who bought the station in 2019, told us he brought in Orlando because "I want to give New Yorkers — a city and people that I love — a chance to relax during these stressful COVID times. What better way than Saturday nights with six original programming hours of music with [DJ **Cousin Brucie**] and Tony."



## In Mary veritas

**MARY J. Blige** (above) was spotted at a VIP dinner for 10 to launch her new wine brand Sun Goddess at Brooklyn Chop House. The eatery's co-owner, **Don Pooh**, told us of the affair: "No celebrities attended, only business heavyweights ... Mary went all the way to Italy to do research on wines," in collaboration with Fantinel Winery. "She is serious about this new business venture. It's not just her name on the product." The decor was black and gold, with yellow roses.

WHERE can you get a doorman, pool access and protection from marauding groups of extremists?

The luxe Chelsea apartment building that has been home to **Debbie Harry**, **Pete Davidson** and **Tim Gunn**, among other bold-faced names, is hiring armed guards for Election Day, Page Six has learned.

London Terrace Towers sent out an e-mail to residents that read, "As you are aware, government enforcement agencies across the country are making plans to control the possible civil unrest following the upcoming presidential election."

It continued, "Regardless of the outcome of

[Tuesday's] election, our concerns range from isolated violent incidents to a long stretch of mass protests, confrontations between extremists and potential property damage."

So management says they're hiring extra guards to patrol the area. And insiders tell us security will be carrying guns.

Other current and former residents of the building — where a four-bedroom apartment is on the market for \$7.5 million and a two-bedroom is available to rent for \$7,800 per month — include **Chelsea Clinton**, **Malcolm Gladwell**, **Bill Hader**, **Annie Leibovitz**, **Bridget Moynahan**, tennis star **Milos Raonic**, iHeartRadio podcaster **Rob Shuter** and his Grammy-win-

ning husband **Bruce Sussman**.

Said a resident, "It's all a little much, but this is Chelsea. And with the Eagle leather bar closed due to the pandemic, no one is going to complain about seeing guys in uniform with a big gun!"

The residents of London Terrace aren't the only ones batten down the hatches. The Post's **Jennifer Gould** reported Wednesday that the city's "ultra rich are quietly preparing for civil unrest on Election Day — by hiring armed guards to stand watch over their luxury Manhattan buildings."

A representative for the building didn't respond to our request for comment.



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ballerina **Chrissy Teigen** gets up close and personal with the Legend-ary Spider-Man, a.k.a. hubby **John Legend**.

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## Feds were vetting celebs for their politics

WE got a bizarre and unexpected glimpse this week into what a federal agency thinks about various celebs. The Department of Health and Human Services tried to make a star-studded PSA about the coronavirus — but the since-shelved \$300 million project went so awry that the House of Representatives launched an investigation. Politico reported that the probe unearthed a strange list of more than 200 celebs that HHS considered — along with various notes about them. The list, known as the "Celebrity Tracker," notes that **Bon Jovi** appeals to "the elderly," **Reese Witherspoon** was "arrested in 2013 due to drunk driving" (it was a drunk-and-disorderly charge as her husband got hit with a DUI) and that **Millie Bobby Brown** "wore two political pins during the 2017 MTV Movie and TV awards" when she was 13. It also listed who had accepted and declined to take part in the clip. **Carrie Underwood**, **Luke Bryan**, **Selena Gomez** and **Britney Spears** all seemed to decline, but next to **Morgan Freeman**'s name is the note: "Rep wants to see who else at his level signs before discussing."



## 'Real Housewife' a big-time 'Tox fan

"REAL Housewives of Salt Lake City" star **Heather Gay** isn't sure there is such a thing as too much Botox. "It depends on your priorities," the soon-to-be reality star exclusively told The Post's **Nicki Gostin**. "If speaking is important to you, then you can get too much Botox. If moving your lips and forehead in any way is important, then yeah, you can get too much Botox. If you just want to stand there and look beautiful, there's never enough." Gay added that she gets Botox "every three to four months," gets her lips done once a year and also gets a "painful facial" twice a year. She joined Bravo's newest "Housewife" franchise, premiering Nov. 11, runs a beauty spa in Utah and is a divorced mom with three daughters. "I didn't know how to function," she said of her painful divorce. "I'm still having a very, very difficult time. I didn't know

anyone that was Mormon and divorced and single and happy." She added, "I either had to get remarried or redefine my entire life. I had three little kids and I didn't know how to do it and nobody gave me any guidance."

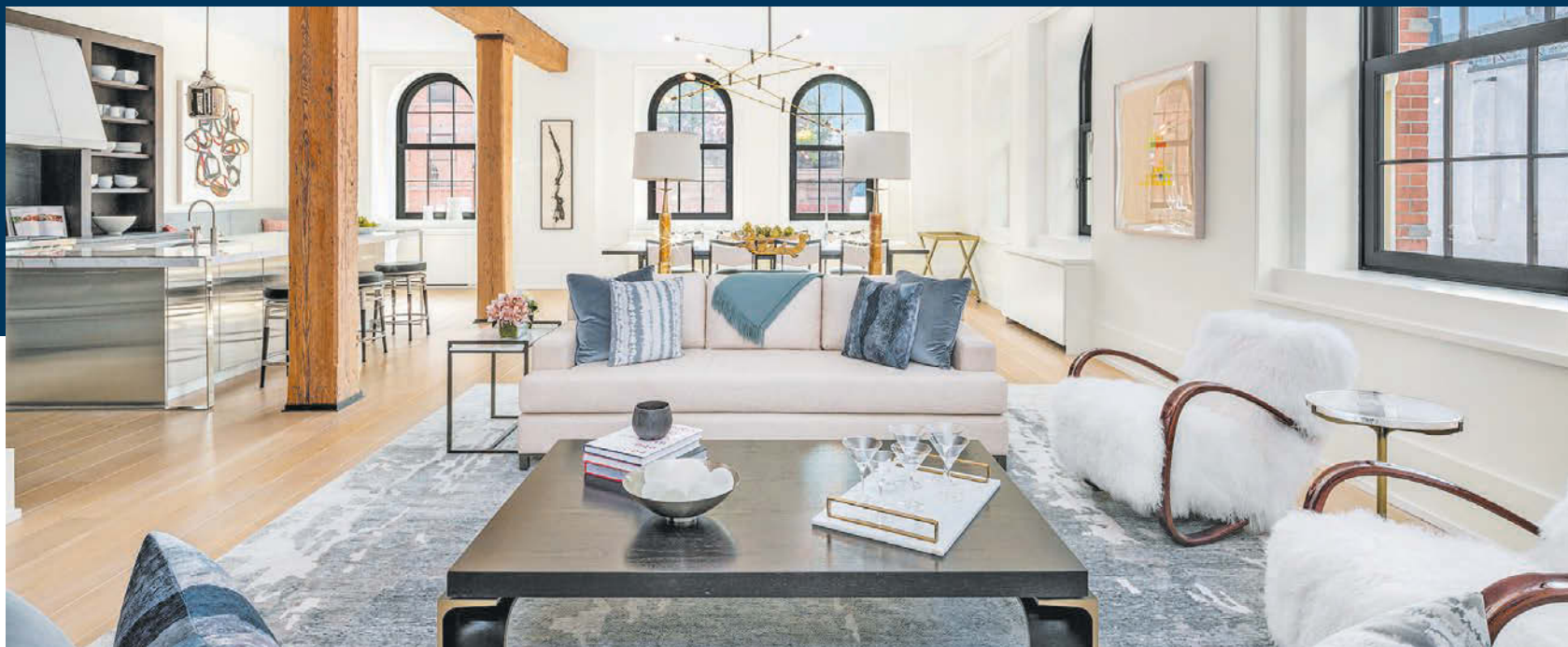
We hear

THAT food fest guru **Herb Karlitz** is teaming with Breeders' Cup CEO **Drew Fleming** to create socially distanced dinners in Lexington, Ky. ... THAT presidential candidate **Brock Pierce** is meeting with the Uniformed Fire Officers Association brass while campaigning in New York ... THAT skin-care whiz **Peter Thomas Roth** was spotted at Avra ... THAT chef **Enrique Olvera**, of Cosme, will be at the helm at Carao at the One&Only Mandarin in Mexico.

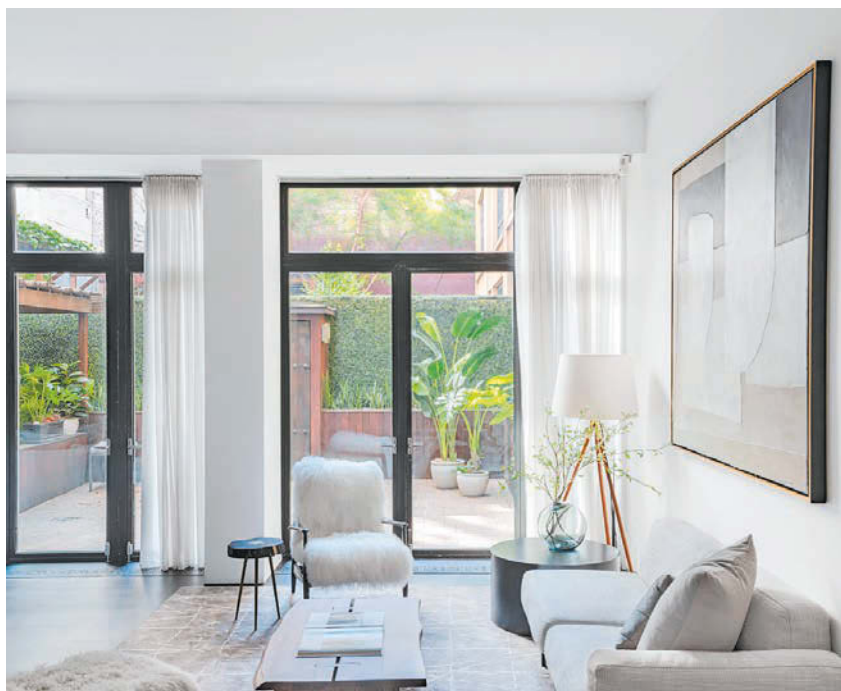


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# Abducted Yank safe in Nigeria SEALs' heroic rescue

By JON LEVINE

An American citizen kidnapped in Niger last week was rescued in neighboring Nigeria by US special forces.

"Last night, our Country's brave warriors rescued an American hostage in Nigeria," President Trump said in a congratulatory tweet Saturday. "Our Nation salutes the courageous soldiers behind the daring nighttime rescue operation and celebrates the safe return of yet another American citizen!"

Philippe Nathan Walton, 27, was taken by armed captors from his farm in the southwestern region of Massalata. The attackers demanded a \$1 million ransom from Walton's father. Authorities do not believe the abduction was terror-related, but there was a risk Walton's captors could have sold him to terrorist groups operating in the region.

The "precision" hostage rescue was conducted by SEAL Team Six, which killed six of Walton's seven captors, according to ABC News.

"They were all dead be-

fore they knew what happened," a counterterrorism source with knowledge of the rescue told the network. No US soldiers were injured during the mission conducted by the same SEAL squad famous for killing Osama bin Laden.

Walton has since returned to Niger where, Chief Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said, he "is safe" and "in the care of the US Department of State."

No ransom was ever paid.

Niger has seen an uptick in extremist-related kidnappings in recent years. ISIS militants killed six French aid workers and a guide just two months ago while they were visiting a wildlife park near the capital city of Niamey.

Jeffery Woodke, a Christian humanitarian who spent decades in the country, was abducted in 2016 and his whereabouts remain unknown.

Four US special forces soldiers were killed in Niger in 2017 after an ISIS raid near the village of Tongo Tongo. Five Nigerians and 21 militants were also killed.

*With Wires*

## Ivanka: 'I'm pro-life'

Motherhood has led Ivanka Trump to adopt an "unapologetic" pro-life stance, the first daughter said in an interview — her first public statement supporting the movement.

The senior adviser to the president told Real Clear Politics her view on abortion has changed since her father's first run for office in 2016.

Four years ago, Ivanka Trump didn't take a stand on the galvanizing issue.

And after President Trump took office, in 2017,

she even met secretly with then-Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards. At the time, she said she wanted to know more about the organization.

Now, she said, her viewpoint is clear.

"I respect all sides of a very personal and sensitive discussion," Ivanka Trump said, "but I am also a mother of three children, and parenthood affected me in a profound way in terms of how I think about these things."

*Eileen AJ Connelly*

# LA 'arrest' may have

By DANA KENNEDY

It was a "bad and boujee" moment, to quote Migos' biggest hit, when Beverly Hills police stopped the trio's superstar rapper Offset on Oct. 24 after he drove his \$90,000 Jeep Cherokee Trackhawk past a Trump rally.

The 28-year-old — real name Kiari Cephus — was in Los Angeles to perform at "Every Vote Counts: A Celebration of Democracy," a musical event hosted by Alicia Keys where Offset would burnish his new image as an activist for the voting campaign and the Biden-Harris ticket.

Offset spokesman Derrian Perry told The Post the rapper was driving to meet his wife, Cardi B, at the Hermès boutique to shop for clothes for the show.

But drama intervened, as it often does with the flashy couple, who married in 2017 and have split up twice and reunited twice since then — most recently, last month. She was charged with felony assault in an attack on a bartender she accused of sleeping with Offset, and pleaded not guilty at her 2019 arraignment. The couple have a daughter, Kulture, 2, who is the youngest of Offset's four kids with four women.

What happened last week differs depending on who is talking: Offset's team, the cops, or those who say rap's power couple doesn't do anything by accident and that Offset livestreaming the incident on Instagram was a shrewd move.

Lt. Max Subin told

The Post that officers were responding to a radio call that Offset had been waving guns at Trump supporters. He

**He doesn't talk that way at home. It's part of the street narrative, being from the streets.**

— Michael Woodward, Offset's father figure, on the rapper's public persona



### ROCKY ROMANCE:

Rappers Offset and Cardi B secretly wed in 2017, then split the next year after he reportedly cheated. They got back together weeks later. Last month, she said she was filing for divorce — only to reunite days later.



# been stunt for Cardi B's hubby

# Inside the wild

# world of Offset

refused to get out of the car at first, loudly asking the officers if they knew who he was (as he told them, "I'm a f--king celebrity" and "Offset from the Migos. They got fans") and threatening to sue. They handcuffed him while Offset live-streamed the incident to his millions of followers.

But the man Offset considers his father, a former history teacher and local NAACP president in Georgia, disputed Subin's version of what went down.

Michael Woodward, 50, is technically the star's stepfather and helped raise Offset with his wife Latabia, the rapper's mother and manager. (Despite reports to the contrary, Offset is not related to fellow Migos members Quavo and Takeoff — who are uncle and nephew, respectively.)

"We find [the detainment] troubling and may take this up with the powers that be," Woodward told *The Post*. "The Trump supporters attacked his car ... Where's the proof anyone was waving a gun? This is why the voter campaign is so important. The police drew their guns for a traffic violation. This is how black men are being killed in this country."

Earlier that day, Cardi seemed to foreshadow Offset's trouble in a series of Instagram videos showing the Trump rally and saying, "I really feel like we're gonna get jumped."

"Trump supporters are everywhere. I'm scared," she added. "Look at this ... look at this! Look how they walking around with fake guns and covering their f--king face. I don't like this s--t."

Cardi was caught on video getting out of a Rolls-Royce, screaming at police to release her husband before being restrained by friends.

"We think it was a targeted attack," Perry told the *Post*. "There was no reason to stop him."



Ultimately, Offset was released without being arrested or charged and Cardi's cousin, Marcelo Almanzar, 20, was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and brandishing it in public. He was released on \$35,000 bail.

**S**OME observers of the couple — each reportedly worth some \$30 million — say they are as good at manipulating the media as they are at making music.

Cardi B's 2017 debut single, "Bodak Yellow," has nearly 1 billion views on YouTube, as does Migos' "Bad and Boujee," from 2016. Since then, Cardi has racked up several chart-toppers, including this year's "WAP" with Megan Thee Stallion, as well as a Grammy and a slew of other awards.

"Cardi B is one of those people I

want to hate because she's not that talented but, f--king hell, I love her," a female hip-hop producer told *The Post*. "This bitch should not be famous. This is a stripper — no offense to strippers — who won a Grammy. But fair play to her. She did it. Then she got Offset."

Just don't mistake the pair for a hip-hop Romeo and Juliet, she said. "Love has nothing to do with it. The more they fight, the more press they get. These are not stupid people. Everything is a media stunt."

Offset, who grew up in a middle-class suburban home outside Atlanta, talks so "street" in interviews, like last year on the syndicated "Breakfast Club" radio show, that it can be hard to understand him.

"No, he doesn't talk that way at home," Woodward said with a laugh. "But it's part of the career



**LIVE TROUBLE:** Last weekend, Offset (above center, with Migos mates Quavo, above left, and Takeoff) live-streamed being detained by police in Beverly Hills. Cops said people in his car had been waving guns. Cardi B's cousin was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

narrative, being from the streets."

The "career narrative" has worked. Migos formed in 2009 and since Drake's remix of their "Versace" in 2013, the group has soared, tying The Beatles for the most simultaneous spots on Billboard's Hot 100. They also have a forthcoming new album to promote.

"Migos celebrates some of the very worst aspects of so-called black culture, like cars and drugs and misogyny," hip-hop historian JayQuan told *The Post*. "Ironically, the rappers who were the best were really from the 'hood, like Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five. They were from the worst part of America at the time. But they never promoted the things that went on in their neighborhood. They told cautionary tales. Migos is the opposite."

Offset recently filmed a voting public-service announcement in which he said a parole officer told him he could never vote after his first felony conviction at 17 — technically not true in Georgia.

Cardi comes from the actual 'hood. The daughter of a strict Trinidadian mother and taxidriver father, she split time between the Highbridge section of The Bronx and her grandmother's apartment in Washington Heights.

Now she spends a lot of her time in Offset's world — Atlanta's "black Hollywood" — where they hit up places like the famed strip club Magic City, but just as often hole up in one of Offset's mansions or with his family.

"They come over here, they're just a normal couple," said Woodward. "They love me to make them Spanish rice, chicken, ribs. Cardi B loves my crab legs."

Things were not always so chill between Woodward and his daughter-in-law. When Cardi first announced she was splitting from Offset in late 2018, Woodward reportedly posted a rant on Facebook calling her a "hotheaded female" with "psychological issues" who "seems to want to take everything to social media without regard to the devastation it has on others."

Woodward denied that he posted anything like that, despite screenshots to the contrary, and said: "Everything has blown over and me and Cardi get along great."

Despite a turbulent past, Woodward predicts great things.

"My wife is the brains and everything she and Offset do is about the future, the future, the future," Woodward said. "They're investing and Offset is expanding into acting, producing, you name it. Cardi B is the same way. They want careers that last and they want to hold on to their money."





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# 3 firefighters hurt at B'klyn bus shop

By GEORGETT ROBERTS and DEAN BALSAMINI

A fire raged through a school-bus repair shop Saturday morning in Brooklyn, injuring three firefighters, officials said.

The blaze erupted at the Logan Bus Company maintenance facility at 3432 Atlantic Ave. in Cypress Hills shortly after 7:30 a.m., according to FDNY Chief of Department John Sudnik.

Stay-at-home mom Cindy Monnar, 28, said she "heard an explosion" about a half-hour before that, looked out her window and saw "a lot of black smoke coming through the gate (of the building). The block was covered in black smoke."

The building's roof collapsed as some 200 fire-



**SMOKY INFERNO:** Firefighters battle a five-alarm blaze at the Logan Bus Co. in Brooklyn Saturday.

fighters battled the five-alarm inferno for over three hours, but conditions inside were "too dangerous" for them to enter "because of the advanced fire" — along with the array of combustible materials spotted inside, Sudnik said at a briefing

at the scene.

The three firefighters suffered non-life-threatening injuries — "sprains and strains," he said.

No civilians were injured, stated Sudnik, who said officials planned to monitor the site throughout the night.

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# Rock and Roll insiders reveal why legends locked out

# Hall of Fame losers

By MERLE GINSBERG

What do The Go-Go's, Tina Turner, Kraftwerk, A Tribe Called Quest, Sonic Youth and Iron Maiden have in common? Not much. Except none of them are in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"It's a closed system," said one industry player. "It's all about the tastes of the older guys who started it: [Rolling Stone founder] Jann Wenner, [late Atlantic Records founder] Ahmet Ertegun. It's changing a bit now that Jann's stepped down — but that's basically why there's a lack of diversity and women and edgier acts."

The first year of inductees was 1986, with a simple criteria for eligibility. An artist's first album has to have been out for at least 25 years, to prove they stand the test of time. But beyond that, it's a matter of voters' personal preferences.

"The artists that get in reflect the tastes of that year's nominating committee, which fluctuates," said

journalist Roy Trakin, a former voting committee member. "For instance, heavy metal and hair-metal — Mötley Crüe, Ratt, Poison — never get much respect."

Same with hip-hop, said Joe Kwaczala, co-host of the podcast Who Cares about The Rock Hall. "Tupac got in, but LL Cool J, A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul are waiting in the wings."

Wenner was the chairman of the Hall's Foundation until this year, when John Sykes, President of Entertainment Enterprises for iHeartMedia, took his place. Jon Landau, Bruce Springsteen's longtime manager, is head of the nominating committee.

According to Kwaczala, "The committee meets once a year and each bring up two names. Then they all vote. The top 15 comprise the ballot. Then it goes to the voters, about 1,100 [industry] people."

Sykes said the nomination process is no great mystery. "[It] is an ... objective system that involves,

first, a diverse group of over 30 people. It's not a backroom cartel who decides. The group evolves because music evolves ... [Landau] says the mantra is: 'Who created the sound of young America?'"

Depeche Mode, the Doobie Brothers, Whitney Houston, Nine Inch Nails, the Notorious B.I.G. and T. Rex all made the cut for this year's ceremony, which airs Saturday on HBO. (The show was pre-taped as what Sykes calls as "documentary" and won't feature the usual intra-band jam sessions.)

Among the latest additions to the nominating committee are QuestLove and Dave Grohl. "QuestLove is an influential member. He was more or less responsible for getting Hall & Oates in [in 2014]," said Trakin.

Sources told The Post that bringing in Sykes should change things in the near future.

"The Go-Go's, there's no good reason they haven't even been on the ballot. It wouldn't shock me if

they were on the ballot [for 2021], because of their Showtime documentary. Nina Simone was snubbed for years, but that Netflix doc on her really helped [her get inducted in 2018]," said Kwaczala.

He added: "The Hall is warming up to post-punk British bands: The Cure last year, Depeche Mode this year. The Smiths or Joy Division/New Order will be next."

Some artists are perennially selected by the nominating committee, only to be rejected by voters.

"The committee put forth Kraftwerk six times. Chaka Khan and Rufus have been on the nominating ballot six times. LL Cool J, same. MC5 have been on at least five times," Kwaczala explained.

Said Sykes, "Most artists don't get in the first [nomination]. Biggie Smalls was an exception."

Kwaczala predicts Jay-Z will get in next year, his first time for eligibility.

But does being in even matter? "It matters for legacy," said one

longtime rock publicist. "Most artists, no matter what they say, really want to be inducted. When Eddie Van Halen just passed, one of the first lines in his obit was: 'Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee.'"

Another publicist told The Post: "I'm told you have to get an old-time music business influencer to write you a letter. Some acts won't do that. They feel like their music is enough."

Sometimes even campaigning doesn't work. "We made several overtures to the Hall of Fame," recalled Len Fico, manager of Jethro Tull from 1990 to 2007. "In 2001, when [singer] Ian Anderson had his second solo record out, we set up a gig in Cleveland [at the Hall of Fame Museum]. Ian was interviewed by the curator and donated a flag, stage clothing and original master tapes of 'Aqualung.' But I was told [Wenner] didn't like Jethro Tull and would never let them in ... Now that he's stepped down, maybe they have a chance."

## PLUS MORE OFF-KEY SNUBS:



**IRON MAIDEN:** The English band is one of many heavy metal acts — including Slayer and Judas Priest — excluded.



**TINA TURNER:** Although she was inducted with ex-husband Ike Turner, Tina's hit solo career is overlooked.



**THE B-52's:** The "Love Shack" band is one of many whose fans have started petitions to get them in.



**THE PIXIES:** While R.E.M., Green Day and Radiohead made it, '90s peers The Pixies have not.



## RUSSIA

Photos of Tsar Nicholas II skinny dipping more than 100 years ago have gone viral on social media.

The images show the surprisingly buff Russian leader swimming with friends during a trip to Finland in 1912. They were first released in 2018 by the Russian State Archive to mark the 100th anniversary of the execution of Nicholas and his family.

## JAPAN

Visitors to Tokyo's Henn na Hotel Asakusa Tawaramachi will now be greeted at the front desk by holograms of various anime characters.

"Henn na" roughly translates in Japanese to "weird."

The hotel also features anime art in the lobby, restaurant and all 217 guest rooms.

## CHINA

Shanghai has imposed new regulations on outdoor square dancing, a popular activity for the middle-aged and elderly.

Residents have long complained that loud music and gatherings are a nuisance for nonparticipants.

"The time for the elderly to enjoy square dancing is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., which coincides exactly with the prime time for children to do school assignments," said one Shanghai resident.

## SOUTH AFRICA

A South African man has joined the ranks of Guinness World Record holders after eating 14.8 ounces of Marmite in 60 seconds.

The pungent food is made from yeast extract created as a byproduct of beer brewing and is not for the faint of heart.

"At one stage, I took a big bite and then it got stuck in my throat," said Bill Cowley.

"I thought I was not going to make it and almost started getting nauseous."

Cowley said he was inspired to go for the quest as part of an effort to spice up his life after surviving skin cancer 13 years ago.

## IRELAND

An Irishman is trying to become the first person to "fin-swim" around the entire country.

Anrí Ó Domhnaill, 56, said, "I hope to complete this grueling expedition within a year."

Finswimming involves traversing the water surface with fins and a snorkel.

Jon Levine, Wires

# NEW SLAY ANGER

## BLM-Antifa unrest after police shoot



**ERUPTION:** A protester torches an American flag on Friday night in Vancouver, Wash., amid outrage over the police killing of a 21-year-old black man in nearby Hazel Dell who had allegedly shot at cops.

By MELANIE GRAY

A police killing of an armed black man in Washington state touched off a violent showdown between Black Lives Matter and Antifa followers that raged until the early hours of Saturday.

Dozens from both movements descended on Vancouver from nearby Portland, Ore., roughly 15 miles away, to protest the death of Kevin Peterson Jr., a 21-year-old black man fatally shot by sheriff's deputies on Thursday night after he fired at them, according to a journalist on the scene.

The demonstrators infiltrated a crowd that gathered Friday evening to honor Peterson, who played high-school football and just had a new daughter.

Shortly before the candlelight vigil, hundreds chanted, "Whose streets? Our streets!" and "Black Lives Matter!" the Columbian newspaper reported. Signs on the fence of a bank parking lot nearby read, "Scream His Name" and "Stop the Lynching."

Down the street stood counter-protesters of all kinds — some carrying weapons, others waving American flags and pro-Trump flags. Then, tempers flared. The sides went after each other.

They pulled each other to the pavement, throwing jabs and kicking. They moved to smashing the windows of businesses, burned American flags, fired guns into the air and cursed the police, reporter Andy Ngo tweeted.

"Death to your f-king empire,"

shouted a man burning a flag.

In the crowd was Jarrett Byrd, a black man, who came to show solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

"There's a lawlessness in our law enforcement," Byrd told the Columbian.

Peterson's family remembered their loved one on social media and questioned why the Clark County Sheriff's Office took so long to make the shooting public, the Seattle Times reported.

"Kevin did everything for me... doesn't matter what it was or what time he always came when I asked. I regret every argument please come back," his girlfriend, Olivia Selto, tweeted. "I miss him so much already."

Narcotics officers, according to Sheriff Chuck Atkins, believed Peterson was selling illegal

drugs and met him in a motel parking lot. A chase followed. Peterson showed a handgun. The officers backed off and Peterson ran again.

A short time later, three deputies fired at Peterson. They found a handgun at the scene. Atkins expressed condolences to Peterson's family and urged the community not to rush to judgment.

"There is always the potential for misinformation, doubt and confusion — and there may be those who wish to sow seeds of doubt," he said in a statement.

The investigation has been turned over to the Southwest Washington Independent Investigation Team, and the Camas Police Department is taking the lead, Atkins said.

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## Kenosha gunman 'confession' 3rd Breonna grand juror to talk

"I shot two white kids," Kyle Rittenhouse, 17, told his hometown cops just two hours after he opened fire with an AR-15 at a protest in Kenosha, Wis., leaving two dead and one wounded, according to a report.

Details of the shaken Rittenhouse's alleged confession inside

an Antioch, Ill., police station — made between bouts of crying and vomiting — were revealed in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Rittenhouse was "visibly upset" immediately after the Aug. 25 shooting, according to a copy of the arrest report obtained by the Sentinel. Tamar Lapin

A third grand juror in the Breonna Taylor case plans to speak out about the deliberations that cleared three Louisville cops of any criminal liability in the emergency-room tech's death.

The announcement comes just three days after two other jurors spoke out on "CBS This Morn-

ing," calling Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron a "liar" for saying the 12-member panel signed off on clearing the cops.

The third juror "firmly supports the fact that no additional charges were allowed at the conclusion of service," a lawyer for all three said. Jorge Fitz-Gibbon



# FROM RICHES

## How Liz Hurley ex Steve Bing lost \$600M before taking his life

By MICHAEL KAPLAN

**A** COUPLE of years ago, former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss told her friend Steve Bing about a common acquaintance of theirs who was worth \$50 million. Fleiss recalled to The Post that Bing, half-joking, replied: "If I was worth only \$50 million, I would kill myself."

On June 22, the movie producer, 55, committed suicide by jumping from his 27th-floor apartment at Los Angeles' posh Ten Thousand building. The next day, Page Six reported that Bing had been battling depression and financial woes after blowing the \$600 million fortune he inherited at 18 years old.

Earlier this month, it was revealed that, at the time of death, Bing had \$300,000 in liquid assets. His good pal Alana Hamilton Stewart, the ex-wife of both Rod Stewart and George Hamilton, told The Post: "If it's true that he spent the money, I find it remarkable."

According to friends, Bing went through his fortune with kamikaze abandon, blowing it on playboy pursuits including gambling, drugs and women. He dated A-list celebrities but sources, including Fleiss, say he loved prostitutes. He also put bundles of money into philanthropy and fighting paternity suits.

"He spent a lot on political stuff and films," a Hollywood insider said. "Putting money into movies is never good. Even if you get lucky a few times, you will get your ass handed to you."

It's been reported that he



**LEAN LEGACY:** Steve Bing jumped to his death from his 27th floor apartment (pictured). He died with \$300,000 in liquid assets and reportedly left a note for his kids Kira Bonder (upper inset) and Damian Hurley (lower).



donated as much as \$25 million to the Clinton Foundation in 2008 alone, and Fleiss said that he coaxed friends to follow suit. "He'd raise \$100 million in less than an hour, calling people and telling them that he just put in 10 million and they should do the same," she said. ABC News reported that Bing loaded \$50 million into a failed campaign for Proposition 87, a 2006 California ballot initiative that sought to tax oil production.

As a present to Bill Clinton, Bing is said to have purchased a sculpture by Bob Dylan, made from tractor parts; another piece in the series went for nearly \$85,000. That pales next to the \$200,000 tab Bing footed to fly Clinton to North Korea on his Boeing 737 in 2009, to facilitate the liberation of American journalists being held there.

In 2008, Bing launched a "green"

construction firm, Shangri-La. But multiple sources told The Post that an employee embezzled from him. It "cost [Bing] tens of millions of dollars," said one close source.

Bing tried to resolve the matter privately. "He did not get back everything," said the source.

Bing also dabbled as a producer on such bombs as "Rock the Kasbah," starring Bill Murray, and the Warren Beatty-directed "Rules Don't Apply." Said the Hollywood insider: "When you [inherit] your money, you need validation. And what is more validating than seeing your name on a big screen?"

**B**ORN in New York City, Bing grew up in LA with his nurse mom, doctor dad and a younger sister. His grandfather, Leo Bing, was one of the early 20th century's foremost real-estate

developers — the man behind the Drake and Gramercy Park hotels and dozens of luxury apartment buildings across Manhattan.

After Leo's death, and Bing's sudden wealth, the teen dropped out of Stanford University to pursue a career in Hollywood. He took to the playboy life immediately.

"He loved to gamble," writer-producer Scott Rosenberg told The Hollywood Reporter, adding that Bing would get "the sickest high-roller suite ... and put these chips in front of you and you felt terrible when you lost his money. But you always had a good time."

Bing also had a good time with women, reportedly dating Sharon Stone, Liv Tyler, Uma Thurman, Sheryl Crow and Elizabeth Hurley.

While some of the movies he financed finished in the black — notably 2004's "Polar Express," for which he is said to have put in \$85 million — Bing reportedly lost eight figures as a film financier. Among the failures was 2002's "Night at the Golden Eagle," which was budgeted at \$1 million and bankrolled entirely by Bing, but generated \$18,000 at the box office.

A fan of Jerry Lee Lewis, Bing brought in doctors and accountants to straighten out the musician's health and finances in 2000. He underwrote a 2007 album and was in the process of backing a Lewis documentary. Bing even "coordinated" a hip replacement for the rocker, according to Lewis' spokesman, Zach Farnum. "Steve was given a lot and he spent it all on other people."

Fleiss said Bing gave her his American Express card info to use if she was ever in a jam: "I knew that whenever I was with Steve, anything could be fixed."

He helped Hamilton Stewart buy her home. "Steve was very generous and helpful in getting a mortgage," she said, clarifying that "he did not buy the house."

Fleiss told The Post that Bing spent a minimum of \$10,000 per prostitute session, and would hand out \$250,000 to women with business ideas. He put money toward drag queens' sex-change operations and spent millions on a home for his spiritual adviser, Fleiss said.

She recalled staying in Bing's Four Seasons penthouse when a professor hit him up for \$10 million to fund a math contest. Although Bing turned him down, "that was every day for Steve — people coming by to ask for money. Everyone liked him because from no one else would you get the kind of money he handed out."

**B**UT some people had to prove that they deserved Bing's money: namely, his kids.

In 2000, he enjoyed a very public romance with Hurley. The two were seen at Oscars parties and vacationed at Elton John's villa in France. Vanity Fair has reported that they shared a threesome with another woman in Las Vegas.

When Hurley became pregnant in 2001, he balked. "Ms. Hurley and I were not in an exclusive relationship when she became pregnant. It is her choice to be a single

### BING'S BEAUTIES: The late movie producer was linked to a string of famous women



**HEIDI FLEISS:** The former Hollywood madam told The Post that the two had been lovers many years ago, and remained close friends up until his death.



**SHARON STONE:** The two were on and off from the 1990s to 2004. After his death, Stone said: "He's a complicated person who I didn't think always made good decisions."



**ELIZABETH HURLEY:** Following a high-profile romance in 2000, the actress gave birth to a son, Damian, and said Bing was the father. He denied it, but a paternity test proved Hurley right.



# TO RUINATION

mother,” he said in a statement.

In 2002, a DNA test revealed him to be the father of her son, Damian, and Bing announced plans to create a \$2.9 million trust fund for the boy, which Hurley described as “not wanted or welcome.”

Meanwhile, casino billionaire Kirk Kerkorian had grown suspicious that Bing was the true father of his child, Kira, born in 1998 to former tennis pro Lisa Bonder (who would go on to marry Kerkorian for a month).

Dental floss filched from Bing’s trash proved he was Kira’s father. Bing sued Kerkorian for \$1 billion over the privacy breach and requested to meet Kira. Bonder turned him, and his offer of child support, down and the suit was amicably resolved.

Although he had written Damian out of his will when Hurley was pregnant, he later successfully fought to have both kids added to his family’s nine-figure trust.

Hamilton Stewart said Bing had plans to see Damian and was excited about it. Meanwhile, his daughter Kira had become close to her father before his death, she told The Post.

“We developed a very real, and what I would consider a very loving relationship,” Kira said.

“I really loved him. I am heartbroken over his decision to take his life.”

Bing reportedly left a suicide note for his kids. After his death, Kira was able to have a DNA sample retrieved from his body and prove, again, that she was his daughter — and establish herself as the administrator of his will.

**I**N recent years, Bing’s life was increasingly fraught. June 22 fell close to the one-year anniversary of the death of his 28-year-old girlfriend, Allexanne Mitchum (the great-granddaughter of actor Robert Mitchum), who overdosed after Bing exiled her for the night. Earlier this year,



## POOR LITTLE RICH BOY:

Steve Bing was 18 when he inherited \$600 million from his developer grandfather. According to friends, Bing spent his fortune on drugs, impressing women — including actress Elizabeth Hurley (with him at right), with whom he had a son — and chasing Hollywood fame.

he moved out of the Hotel Bel-Air and into a rented one-bedroom at Ten Thousand.

Depression seemed to be seeping in, perhaps exacerbated by prolonged meth use.

“Steve went through emotional ups and downs; most people knew there were intermittent drugs,” said Hamilton Stewart, adding that Bing had become disillusioned by the Democratic Party — to which he had previously donated as much as \$8.2 million in a single year — and turned Independent. “He was lonely, and upset about the severity of [pandemic] shutdowns in California. He thought COVID was overblown and in my opinion it contributed to what happened that day in June.”

Things got so bad that one morning he hopped in his 10-year-old Lincoln Town Car — “Steve liked the way it drove and he liked the way he fit in it,” said Hamilton Stewart — and motored to Arizona, where loose distancing regulations allowed him to sit down at a diner and eat a hamburger.

And all his largesse may have hurt him as much as it helped others. “Few in [Hollywood] were really kind to him,” said longtime friend Josh Chrisant. “They just *wanted*. Steve called his [production and construction] companies Shangri-La for a reason. He was an egalitarian and thought that if he was kind, everybody would be kind in return. But they just worked him.”

While it has been reported that Bing died with only \$300,000 to his name, Fleiss believes otherwise. “He had \$20 million before the New Year,” she insisted.

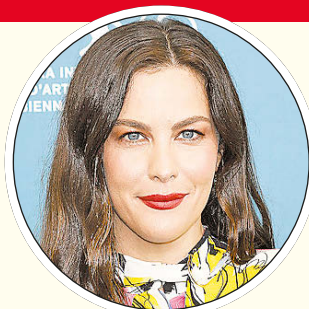
In the end, those who were close to the wild, freewheeling Bing were no longer surprised by his drug use, his exploits with women, his eye-popping generosity — or even his lost fortune.

“I was not shocked that he had only \$300,000,” said the close source. “I was shocked that he killed himself.”



## SHERYL CROW:

From 2007 to 2008, Bing dated the “Leaving Las Vegas” singer. The two were reportedly introduced by their mutual friend Jennifer Aniston.



## LIV TYLER:

The “Lord of the Rings” actress reportedly hooked up with Bing in 2008. He was also romantically linked to actresses Uma Thurman and Nicole Kidman.



## LISA BONDER:

The former tennis pro was wed to billionaire Kirk Kerkorian for 28 days in 1999. She claimed he fathered her daughter but DNA filched from Bing’s trash proved he was.



# Another French horror

## Lyon priest shot

By EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

A Greek Orthodox priest in Lyon, France, was critically injured when he was shot as he was closing his church Saturday afternoon.

The priest, a Greek citizen identified as Nikolas Kakavelakis, 45, a father of two, was shot twice in the abdomen.

Authorities locked down a large swath of the residential neighborhood surrounding the church in a massive manhunt for the shooter, who was reportedly armed with a sawed-off shotgun. One unarmed man was detained by cops. Investigators were trying to determine his identity.

French anti-terrorist authorities were following the case, but not investigating the shooting as a terrorist incident.

The Lyon prosecutor opened an investigation for attempted murder.

“No theory is favored, no theory is ruled out,” Lyon Mayor Gregory Doucet told reporters at the scene. “We don’t know at this stage the motive for this attack.”

Antoine Callot, the pastor at another Greek Orthodox church in Lyon, said that the Greek Orthodox community in Lyon has not re-

ceived any threats, but he immediately asked police for security protection at his church.

“We are anxious and anguished. It’s really horrible,” he said. “Now we need to hide and be careful.”

This attack comes as the nation is on high alert after a series of recent terrorist attacks, including a knife attack in Nice on Thursday that saw three killed: a woman who was nearly decapitated and a man beheaded inside a church, and a third woman stabbed several times before she was able to run away. She died of her injuries later.

France’s anti-terrorism prosecutor said the suspect in the Nice attack, a 20-year-old Tunisian man, was not on the radar of intelligence agencies as a potential threat. He was shot 14 times by police and is seriously wounded.

On Oct. 16, a teacher was beheaded outside of Paris. In both of those attacks, the assailants shouted “God is great!” in Arabic.

France has the largest population of Muslims in Western Europe, more than 5 million in a nation of 67 million, but the country’s efforts to integrate Muslim immigrants have failed.

## Fla. ‘haunted hayride’ crash hell

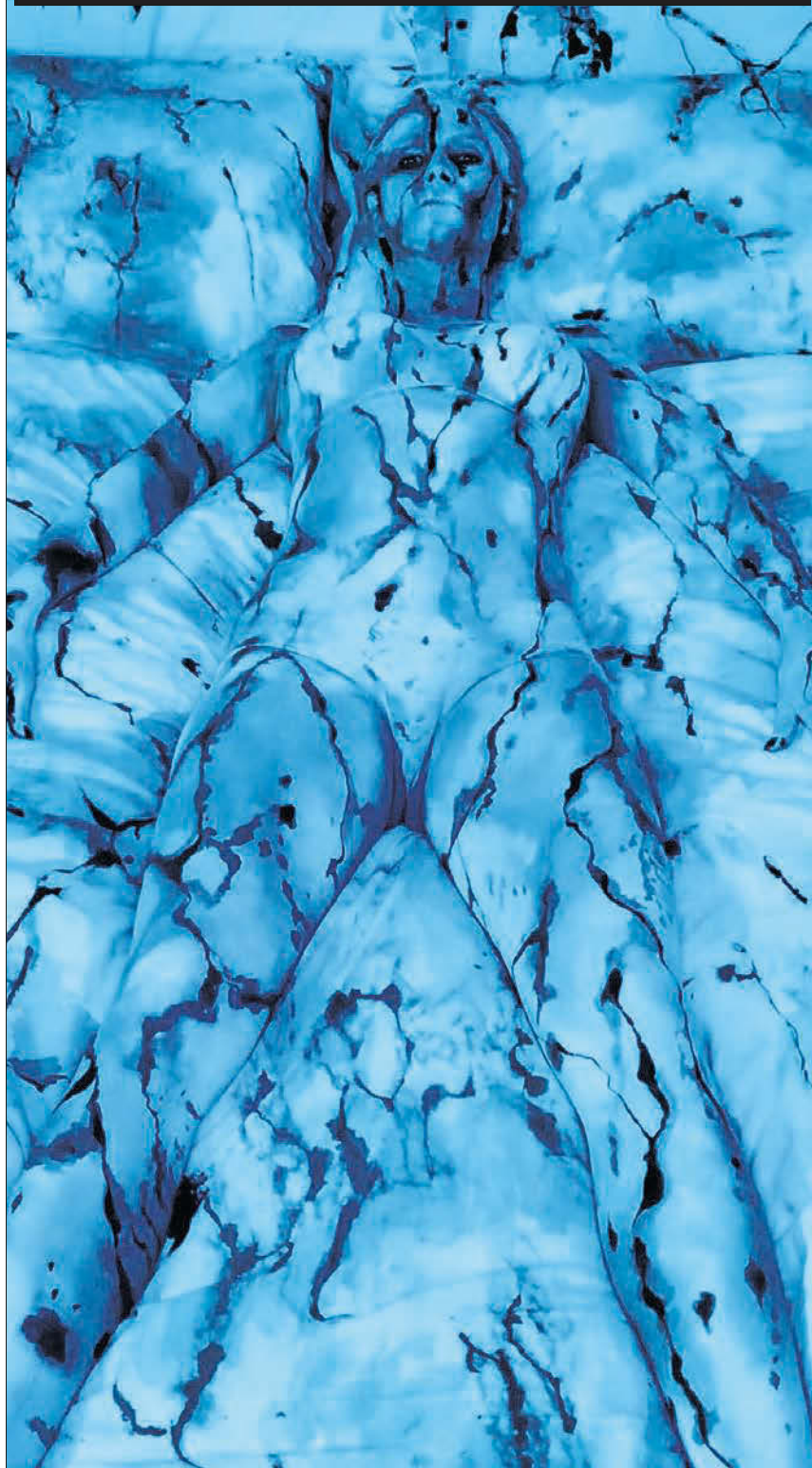
A haunted hayride turned harrowing in Florida on Saturday night when the truck was struck by another vehicle, requiring the airlifting of several riders to a hospital.

About 30 people were on the hayride vehicle when it was hit shortly before 8 p.m. in Cottondale, about 76 miles west of Tallahassee, WJHG-TV said.

The Florida Highway Patrol could not provide details on the accident or the injuries.

*Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

# Eerie Heidi-ween



**It’s no secret that Heidi Klum loves Halloween.**

**In lieu of throwing her annual bash due to coronavirus concerns, the model instead filmed a short horror movie for fans.**

**The flick stars Klum (above, camouflaged as a statue to hide from creatures), 47, husband Tom Kaulitz and her four children with ex-husband Seal: Leni, 16,**

**Henry, 15, Johan, 13, and Lou, 11.**

**“Halloween is different this year,” she captioned the short on Instagram, “but that shouldn’t stop us from getting creative at home. Be safe, be spooky, and spend time with family.”**

**“I knew I wanted to do a fun project at home with my family,” she told People magazine.**

*Jessica Bennett*

Instagram

# Quake miracle

Rescuers saved a 38-year-old woman and three of her four children from a collapsed building in the Turkish city of Izmir late Saturday, 18 hours after it pancaked in a powerful earthquake.

But one child died soon after being rescued, and crews were still trying to dig the fourth out of the rubble of the building in Turkey’s third largest city.

The family and about 100 others have been pulled from demolished buildings since the magnitude 6.9 earthquake rocked the region at midday Friday.

Earlier Saturday, onlookers cheered as workers lifted teenager Inci Okan out of a collapsed eight-floor apartment complex. Inci’s dog, *Fistik* (Pistachio), was also rescued, offering a bright moment as crews picked and plowed through the devastation.

The death toll rose to 38 as hundreds of aftershocks rippled on, and nearly 900 were injured in three Turkish cities.

*Eileen AJ Connelly*

## Frightful party bust

It was a mostly maskless monster mash.

A Brooklyn Halloween party with nearly 400 revelers was busted early Saturday for violating social-distancing and large-gathering rules, officials said.

Using surveillance video, the city Sheriff’s Department watched about 150 people enter a warehouse at 23 Meadow St. in Williamsburg before sending deputies to the scene at around 1 a.m.

Inside, they allegedly found 387 people dancing — many without masks — live performers and three walk-up bars.

*Sara Dorn*

## Clubbing mystery

The NYPD is still trying to solve a bizarre, random clubbing attack — involving the kind of long brush used to clean barbecues — that knocked a 78-year-old man to the sidewalk in Hell’s Kitchen on Monday.

The victim suffered pain and bruising in the attack on West 49th Street, police said.

*Dean Balsamini*



A phys-ed teacher at a California middle school ended up teaching from the parking lot of a Starbucks when his home Internet went out.

Jason Guiducci, who had been instructing classes virtually from his Napa backyard amid the pandemic, went to a local Starbucks, got a signal and lives-streamed his class.

Netherlands researchers used an electron microscope and a high-definition 3D printer to create the world's smallest boat, 30 micrometers in length.

The Leiden University team created a version of the "Benchy" boat, a structure often used to test the effectiveness of 3D printers. It's one-third as thick as a strand of human hair.

Firefighters, police and medical personnel in England were called to rescue three young men stuck in an industrial-sized dryer in Essex.

Two of the rough-and-tumble teens had successfully climbed in, but the third got his ankles trapped in the door.

A Canadian sued the makers of Canada Dry ginger ale, claiming fizzy marketing suggested the soda had medicinal benefits.

Victor Cardoso says he bought the beverage on the basis it was "made from real ginger," but claimed the marketing was false and it contained none.

The soda's maker, Canada Dry Mott's Inc., denied the allegations and any liability.

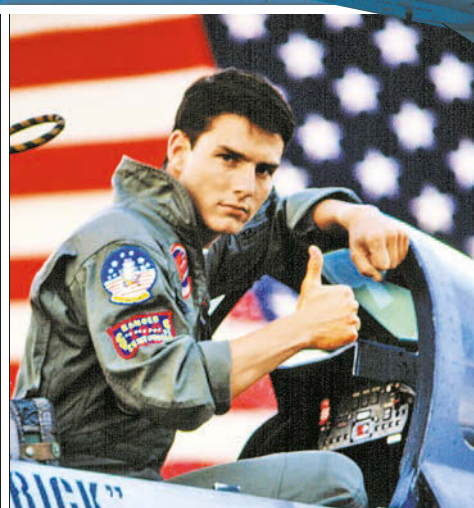
A Shanghai building went "walking" through a city street using a new technology developed to help move large structures as part of efforts to preserve historic structures.

The 85-year-old Lagena Primary School in the Huangpu district was lifted off the ground and relocated using a device composed of nearly 200 mobile supports that act as robotic legs.

The five-story building was moved to make way for a commercial and office complex due to be completed in 2023.

Dean Balsamini, Wires

# Navy pilots trash 'Top Gun' stunts



**THUMBS UP:** Tom Cruise starred as cocky pilot Maverick in "Top Gun," but real Navy aviators in a new documentary say the movie got plenty wrong about the F-14 Tomcat plane (right).

## THE NEED FOR SPEED

By KIRSTEN FLEMING

In 1985, Capt. Marco Cromartie was heading into the Replacement Air Group — the final portion of training for Navy aviators — when he received glitzy marching orders.

"I was as green as you could get," Cromartie, now 60 and retired, told The Post. "I had yet to step foot into an F-14." He was also, he admitted, "tall, dark and handsome" — and so he became one of the few actual naval officers to be cast as extras in the film "Top Gun," playing pilots alongside Tom Cruise, Anthony Edwards and Val Kilmer.

It didn't matter that Cromartie hadn't yet logged any hours in the F-14 Tomcat, the sleek fighter jet made famous by the blockbuster. "The actors looked at us like we were heavy hitters. They really invited us into their world," Cromartie said. "In the evenings, we would go out and go to bars in San Diego to hang out. They were studying us."

He recalled how Cruise "walked on that set as [the character] Maverick in the morning and didn't come out of character until we ended at night."

Since the movie was shot out of sequence, Cromartie didn't know the full plot. "We thought it was going to be really stupid and a waste of six weeks. But when we went to the premiere, I realized that we were a part of something special," said the pilot, who went on to attend the real Top Gun school.

The movie also made the F-14

Tomcat fighter jet a symbol of American military prowess. In the new documentary "Tomcat Tales," available on Amazon, Cromartie and his elite band of brothers dish about their high-flying antics, the planes' role in the War on Terror and, of course, its Hollywood close-up.

Directed by retired F-14 pilot Commander Mark Vizcarra, who attended Top Gun, the film is a love letter to the Tomcat. He first fell for the F-14 through the 1980 movie "Final Countdown," starring Martin Sheen. "When I saw the Tomcat, I said, 'I want to fly that plane,'" he told The Post. "It ruled the skies for years. It can get up to really high altitudes where you can see the curvature of the earth."

The plane, made by Grumman, was introduced in 1968 as part of the United States' Cold War strategy and implemented by the Navy in the '70s. Able to travel twice the speed of sound, it was known for blistering speed and sophisticated weaponry — specifically, the AIM-54 Phoenix, a radar-guided, long-range air-to-air missile.

"The missiles were a million dollars apiece. It was like having a million-dollar finger," said Vizcarra, 60, of being able to test a Phoenix.

The superior machine was ripe for a Tinseltown script. But as Vizcarra notes, beyond F-14 pilots having the need for speed, not a lot in "Top Gun" was true to life.

"The first movie was fake. When they are flying upside down, can-

opy to canopy, and the fly-bys — the moment anyone would do that in the Navy, you would get your wings pulled," he said of Maverick's reckless antics in the movie.

But the big-screen version did help the real pilots with women. Mark's younger brother Michael, a captain who attended and was an instructor at Top Gun, arrived at Naval Air Station Miramar (now a Marine air base) in San Diego before the movie premiered.

At the time, the Miramar Oak Club, which was supposed to be the place where Maverick serenaded Kelly McGillis' character, was a sleepy joint that attracted divorcees.

"After the movie, that place was a rocking hub of college girls waiting

in line. It got three times as many ladies as before. It was like Studio 54," said Michael, 59.

He was deployed to fly the Tomcat in the War on Terror just nine days after 9/11. In one mission in Afghanistan, he used its precision weaponry to bail out Special Forces being chased by a large Taliban convoy on the ground.

"They said 'we got a hot situation and we need someone now.' We rolled in, dropped bombs, blocking the road... We shot all our bullets, took out most of the convoy and the Special Forces lived to see another day," said Michael, who retired in 2004. "It was both adrenaline and gratification."

However, there was one big failure during that mission. Pilots had to relieve themselves in packets filled with dry powder that turns into a gelatin-like substance. His flying partner's waste bag got loose in the cockpit. "His bag came out flying and landed right on his neck," said Michael with a laugh.

The Tomcat was retired in 2006 during a ceremony in Virginia Beach, Va., and replaced by the Super Hornet. "They did a ceremonial last flight. It was such a badass plane, but it needed to retire. I choked up a bit," said Michael.

But the Tomcat isn't completely gone. In the upcoming "Top Gun" sequel, it has a cameo, albeit a CGI one, according to Vizcarra, who attended a top-secret preview at a Navy event. "The flying scenes are better than the original," he said.



**REAL HERO:** Navy captain Marco Cromartie, with his daughter in front of a Tomcat, landed a role as an extra in "Top Gun."



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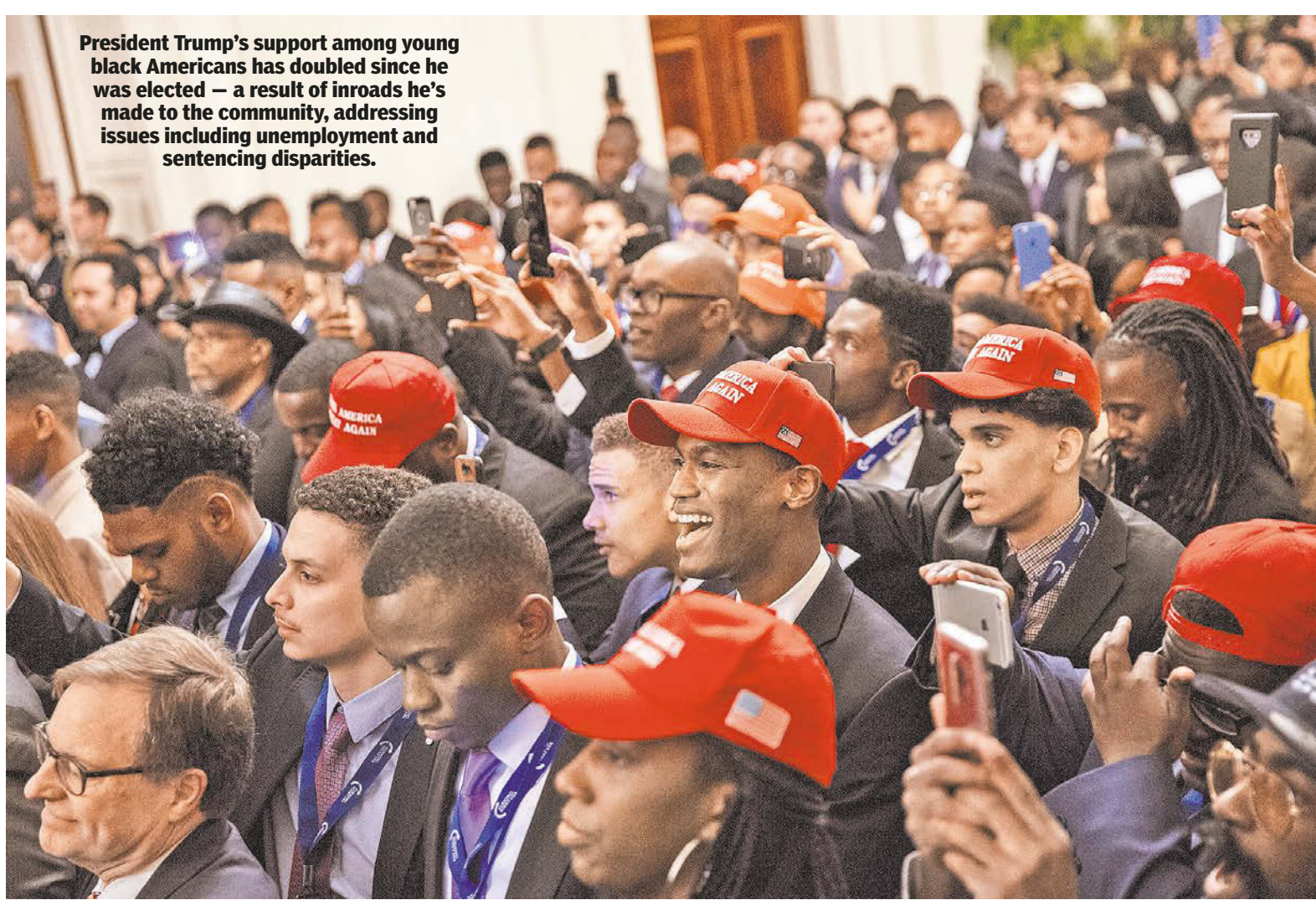
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President Trump's support among young black Americans has doubled since he was elected — a result of inroads he's made to the community, addressing issues including unemployment and sentencing disparities.



# THE MAGA MINORITY

The best thing for the black community may be four more years of Trump

**I WAS recently chatting with a black friend who leans left politically when she said she would like to see President Trump win. I was surprised: She's spoken out against the president on social media because of some of his past comments, especially when he told the Proud Boys "to stand back and stand by" during the first presidential debate.**

But my friend, like many young people in the black community, knows about Joe Biden's history, which should repel far more black voters than Trump's racially insensitive comments. I'm hardly the only black voter who feels this way.

Biden's policies have devastated the black community. The infamous 1994 crime bill, for example, which Biden authored, cost taxpayers \$30 billion yet only reduced violent crime by 1.3 percent — and in the process, sent a shamefully high number of black youths to jail for marijuana crimes that some states have decriminalized.

Or take Biden's provision of a 1986



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law that deemed crack cocaine significantly worse than powder cocaine. As a result, whites, who more often used powder cocaine, were treated with leniency, while blacks were disproportionately sent to prison for the same offenses.

Given the choice before us, the best thing for the black community may be four more years of Trump. Why? Maybe then black voters will no longer be ignored and taken for granted by Democrats thereby making both parties work for their vote.

It's time to break the back of the Democratic Party and make its leaders actually address the issues that impact black lives.

President Trump is not perfect. He has said things that have rightly upset black Americans. But he's also uplifted the black community through policies like the First Step Act and opportunity zones. In fact, he's been reaching out to the black community consistently since 2016, looking for ways to tackle issues such as rampant unemployment and prison sentencing dispari-

ties, while funding historically black colleges and universities — all of which Joe Biden could have addressed during his half-century in politics.

I've never seen another president from either party invest so much energy into the black community. As a result, black people are listening. We see this in the polls.

Trump's support among young black voters (aged 18 to 44) has increased from around 10 percent in 2016 to 21 percent, according to UCLA Nationscape's polling, and I believe the real percentage is even higher. Indeed, I've been watching closely on urban social media pages and seeing young African Americans post their support for Trump. Never before have I seen such widespread support among young African Americans for any Republican president.

On a recent episode of my podcast, "Outloud with Gianni Caldwell," football legend Herschel Walker expressed a similar sentiment. He said he gets many calls from players in the NFL who support Trump but cannot publicize their support out of fear of retribution.

Polling data shows support for Trump trending upward among black and Hispanic men, many of whom are

open to supporting an eager, enthusiastic president as they think the Democratic Party has taken them for granted.

The black community has a genuine opportunity in this election. If enough blacks vote for Trump, the black vote will finally be competitive. Politicians will at long last actually care about producing positive results for the black community to woo black voters, rather than treating them as another box to check.

The black vote hasn't been competitive in decades, since Democrat Lyndon Johnson reportedly said, "I will have those n-----s voting Democratic for the next 200 years." For five-plus decades, Republicans haven't made a sincere effort to counter that monopolistic hubris — until Trump.

We have an opportunity to force both parties to offer their best deals to black Americans and improve the black community in a way that has never happened before. It's time to make the black vote competitive again.

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# The new oligarchy

**I**T'S been a long time since the Democrats were considered "the party of the people" and the GOP the party of the fat cats. This year Joe Biden and even more so his running mate, Kamala Harris, are raising record sums from the corporate elite, notably the tech giants and their Wall Street allies. These wealthy donors dominate the party, own much of the media, and can manipulate the social-media platforms where a growing proportion of Americans get their news.

Meanwhile, the Republicans find themselves largely castigated in the press and overwhelmed by a torrent of oligarchic wealth at the Senate and local levels. This wealthy oligarchy is not just liberal; many members also support a thorough remaking of our country. Some, like former Twitter CEO Dick Costolo, are so committed to progressivism that, as he said recently,

those who don't get with the program should "face a firing squad." Currently led by CEO Jack Dorsey, Twitter has gone so far as to block The New York Post's account after it reported on the unsavory foreign business dealings of Biden's son Hunter.

If these Democrats win both houses of Congress as well as the White House, things could get far worse for the already beleaguered middle class, which has been rocked by the pandemic, with an estimated 100,000 small firms going out of business. Particularly hard-hit by the recent urban unrest are inner city and minority businesses.

By contrast, the oligarchs have had a very good pandemic, with tech firms now accounting for nearly 40 percent of the value of the Standard and Poor index — a concentration that is unprecedented in modern history. From March to June 2020, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who also owns the Washington Post, which has endorsed Biden and skewed coverage in his direction, saw his wealth rise by an estimated \$48 billion to an estimated \$183 billion, making him easily the world's richest man.

The other big winners have been the professional managerial class, including top levels of the federal bureaucracy, academia, and the mainstream media. These are, for the most part, people who can work from home, or,

in some cases, the safety of their country houses. Meanwhile, they have achieved power at a level never before exercised outside of wartime and are as likely to surrender this control as the oligarchs are to give up their money.

If the Democrats win on Election Day, the future for the middle class could be bleak. As a lifelong Democrat, this is not easy to write, but most of the party's initiatives — such as the Green New Deal — are directly harmful to those in the middle and working classes, who'd be forced to face increased housing and energy prices and fewer upwardly mobile jobs in industries like manufacturing.

A Democratic landslide could prove particularly devastating to owners of small businesses, particularly those in the energy, agriculture and manufacturing sectors, who were all critical to electing Donald Trump and seem likely to follow him again this year, despite the recession caused by the pandemic.

Meanwhile, a Biden White House would enable the oligarchy to reap enormous rewards, starting with the disarming of President Trump's antitrust assault on Google and other tech monopolies while restoring a "hands off" Obama-style policy that caters to tech companies' needs.

In short, this election could hasten an America that is less democratic and increasingly feudal, with a middle class that is close to nonexistent. Such an approach concerns traditional Democrats, but seems to be of little interest to the woke, ultra-rich members of the Democratic oligarchy.

Fortunately, this isn't our last shot to restore the middle class and curb the power of the oligarchs. If the Democrats overreach, particularly if they gain control of both Houses, a new middle-class rebellion — within the GOP, among renegade Democrats or even from a new party — could still emerge, this time led by a more unifying and credible figure than Donald Trump.

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**World's richest man Jeff Bezos (center) controls the Washington Post, while Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey (left) and former head Dick Costolo control the Web, all skewing reporting in favor of Joe Biden.**

**Elite Democrats could destroy the middle class if Biden wins in 2020**

## Chatter

### THE BIDEN COVERUP

**"Let's be clear: The New York Post isn't just some random guy tweeting . . . The New York Post is 200 years old. The New York Post was founded by Alexander Hamilton. And your position is that you can sit in Silicon Valley and that you can . . . tell the American people what reporting they can hear?"**

— Sen. Ted Cruz (pictured) to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey as he was questioned about his company's suppression of The Post's stories about Joe and Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings



**"The USA doesn't have Freedom of the Press, we have Suppression of the Story, or just plain Fake News."**

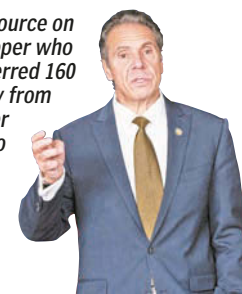
—President Trump, in response to Jack Dorsey's testimony

**"Brute censorship of . . . my critique of the media's rank-closing attempt, in a deeply unholy union with Silicon Valley and the 'intelligence community,' to suppress its revelations eroded the last justification I could cling to for staying."**

— Glenn Greenwald, in his resignation letter to The Intercept, which he says censored his coverage of the Joe and Hunter Biden story

**"The governor didn't like whatever they were doing."**

— A Post source on a state trooper who was transferred 160 miles away from Albany after Gov. Cuomo found out he was dating his daughter, Cara





**W**HO'S afraid of the big, bad virus? Supposedly it's everyone who won't come into the city because the bug made it too dangerous. But what's really spooked them is our elected officials' spectacularly effective campaign to ruin New York City, and Manhattan in particular, brick by brick.



**STEVE CUOZZO**

The town's current pandemic peril is near-negligible. Its new-infection rate hovering around 1.58 percent as of Friday — much of it due to a few “red zone” neighborhoods in the outer boroughs — is the envy of major world capitals.

But Gov. Cuomo's and Mayor de Blasio's message for The City That Never Sleeps is: Don't Even Get Out of Bed.

As penance for their early blunders that drove the virus' explosive spread last winter, they overcompensate with draconian measures that took away much of the city's energy and allure.

My suburban friends who won't come to town say it's “too dangerous.” They're embarrassed to admit the real reason: Much about the city they once loved to visit just plain stinks.

Office towers are 85 percent empty, threatening landlords' ability to pay taxes if tenants walk away from leases. The scarcity of Midtown and Downtown workers is ruinous to shops and restaurants. But why should private-sector employees return to their desks when de Blasio refuses to call back his own, 350,000-strong workforce? Could City Hall send a more damaging signal?

Cuomo, hoping for a Joe Biden victory to bring the state and city gazillions of dollars in federal relief, seems hell-bent on making our plight as terrible as possible with irrational, inconsistent lockdowns and restrictions.



**Broadway is a virtual ghost town as Cuomo and de Blasio persist in locking down shops and theaters. But with local infection rates around pandemic lows, it makes no sense to stymie our economy.**

Instead of cheerleading for the city's economy on which the whole state depends, he subjects us every morning to a boilerplate “news conference” touting his imagined valor in taming the virus which “came from Europe but they didn't tell us that.”

His non-resident “quarantines,” while manifestly unenforceable, create a Leningrad-under-siege mentality.

The Big Apple's movie theaters remain shut down, even though they're open everywhere else in the state.

Restaurants must operate at a non-sustainable 25 percent capacity indoors, even though they've been at 50 percent everywhere else in the state

since July with no known ill effects.

Broadway and concert halls remain 100 percent dark, even though theater owners are willing to go the last mile to make them safer.

Comedy clubs are closed, too, while shopping malls — which shouldn't have been closed in the first place — were allowed to reopen. The clubs are suing the city and state, but good luck to them in a climate that blames the virus, and only the virus, for everything.

Case in point: When news broke two weeks ago that hedge-fund billionaire Paul Singer will move his headquarters from Midtown to West Palm Beach, Fla., the New York Times claimed it was “prompted by

the pandemic.”

Then why is Singer heading for Palm Beach County, where the new-infection rate is above five percent? Likely because de Blasio turned our streets over to common criminals, “homeless” lunatics and Matterhorn-like heaps of uncollected garbage.

There are glimmers of hope. To Cuomo's rare credit, the state-run subways are cleaner than in generations. Restaurants are bravely reopening despite crippling restrictions. Great museums and the normally impassable High Line Park, reopened after months of needless closures, have never been so pleasant to navigate.

It would be fair to celebrate those

modest accomplishments. But optimism isn't part of our leaders' COVID-obsessed narrative.

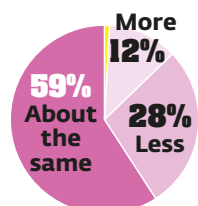
Yes, the virus is mushrooming in other parts of the country. No one should be complacent. It killed my neighborhood tailor. My wife had a blessedly mild infection. A half-dozen friends had cases in March and April that ranged from near-asymptomatic to near-death with gradations of suffering, some of it profound, in between.

But that was then and this is now. It's time for our elected “leaders” to fight for New York's future — and to sound like they believe in it.

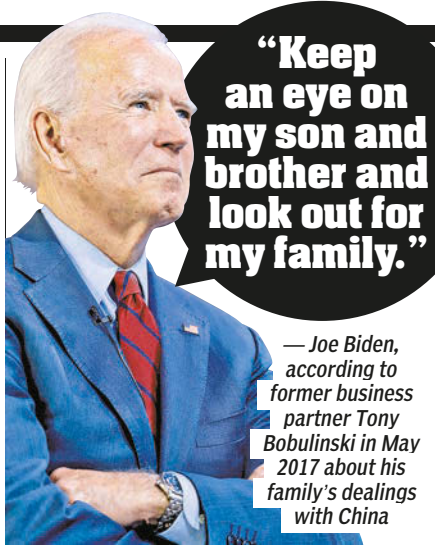
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## PRESENTS OF MIND

Americans, on how much they plan to spend on holiday shopping compared to previous years



— Gallup



**“Keep an eye on my son and brother and look out for my family.”**

— Joe Biden, according to former business partner Tony Bobulinski in May 2017 about his family's dealings with China



**“It was a wonderful birthday present for Hillary Clinton.”**

— Senate Leader Mitch McConnell on the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court on Clinton's birthday

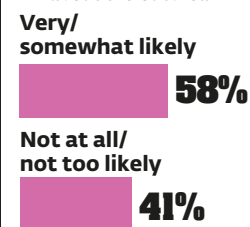
**“We think the water is trapped in these glass beads . . . which protects and preserves [it].”**

— Casey Honniball of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, revealing that water possibly exists on the moon



## THE COVID CHALLENGE

Americans who say they'd be willing to speak with a public health official who contacted them by phone or text about the outbreak



— Pew



# SWING BATTLE

## How Trump and Biden must win nine

Joe Biden has a national polling lead over President Trump, but all that counts is winning 270 electoral votes.

by MARY KAY LINGE

**N**ATIONALLY, Biden holds a 7.8 percent lead over Trump, according to the RealClearPolitics polling average, but in the battleground states that will decide the Electoral College results, his lead is much less secure.

State-level polls, which were wildly off base in 2016, remain suspect: Republicans — and many Democrats — believe that Trump's voters are refusing to take part in them, or to signal their true intentions if they do.

"This race is far closer than some of the punditry ... would suggest," Biden campaign manager Jen O'Malley Dillon said recently. "In a number of critical swing states we are fundamentally tied."

Here's a look at the nine battlegrounds that could hand the White House to the Democrats — or give President Trump a second term.

### Nevada: The Pandemic Effect

6 electoral votes

**Current poll average: Biden 49% / Trump 45%**

"This should be a layup for Biden," said GOP strategist Sean Noble. "A state that Hillary Clinton won by more than 2 percent should not be at risk for him."

Trump lost Nevada by more than 27,000 votes in 2016. Yet the latest statewide poll found a neck-and-neck race, with independent voters breaking Trump's way.

Coronavirus is a major factor. The pandemic stifled Democrat-affiliated union organizing at casinos and resorts, where much of the workforce remains sidelined.

Meanwhile, Trump's campaign has been knocking on voters' doors for months. The president has held three raucous rallies in rural parts of the state where Republicans dominate — and where many voters blame Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak, not Trump, for COVID-related economic woes.

"Trump may have the better ground operation in 2020, but the virtual campaign may be more important now," Democratic strategist Brad Bannon said. "We'll see."

### Minnesota: The So-Called Undecideds

10 electoral votes

**Current poll average: Biden 48% / Trump 43%**

Minnesota, the least-pollled swing state in the nation, is the election's biggest question mark.

"No Republican has won a statewide race in Minnesota since 2006," said John Hinderaker of the Center of the American Experiment, a local think tank.

But every recent survey has found a pool of 10 to 13 percent of voters claiming to be undecided, making it a tantalizing GOP target.

Trump lost Minnesota by 1.5 percent — about 45,000 votes — in 2016. Now he's running as the law-and-order candidate in the state where the George Floyd unrest, which caused at least \$500 million worth of damage here, began.

"It's hard to believe that so many people haven't made a choice about this election," Hinderaker said. "I think most of these 'undecideds' are Trump voters who just won't say so."

### Wisconsin: No More Late Breakers

10 electoral votes

**Current poll average: Biden 50% / Trump 44%**

Late deciders gave Trump the edge in his 23,000-vote Wisconsin win in 2016 — but this year, there are fewer of them to be swayed.

At least 10 percent of Wisconsin's electorate remained on the fence as Election Day neared in 2016. Two weeks before the election, up to 40 percent of them planned to leave the presidential line blank, Democratic consultant Paul Maslin found at the time.

"In the last week, those people made the judgment to go with the new guy who represented change," Maslin said.

This year, Wisconsinites "have made a judgment against this incumbent," Maslin said. "I don't see the dynamic by which all of a sudden those people change their minds."

In an Oct. 28 Marquette Law School poll, 6 percent of Wisconsin voters refused to divulge a presidential preference — and Biden, with 48 percent of the vote, had a 5-point lead over Trump.

### Arizona: The Former Fence-Sitters

11 electoral votes

**Current poll average: Biden 47% / Trump 47%**

In 2016, Trump won Arizona by 91,000 votes, a relatively comfortable 3.6 percent margin. But the formerly deep-red Grand Canyon State has been slowly adding Democratic voters, giving Democrats hopes for a flip in a state that hasn't gone blue since 1996.

Republicans think they have a secret weapon: 145,000 conservatives who sat out the 2016 presidential contest.

In 2016, 75,000 Arizonans in heavily evangelical, Catholic and Mormon districts cast ballots — but left the presidential line blank. "These were right-leaning voters who did not trust Donald Trump," GOP strategist Sean Noble said.

Additional Trump-skeptic conservatives gave the Libertarian Party 70,000 more votes in 2016 than it typically receives.

"The judiciary is huge for these voters," Noble explained. "Trump's nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court may win them over."



# BATTLE SWING!

## key states to unlock the presidency



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### Michigan: The Missing Black Vote

**16 electoral votes**

**Current poll average: Biden 50% / Trump 44%**

When Trump won Michigan in 2016 by fewer than 11,000 votes, Democrats blamed Clinton's loss on her failure to motivate the black voters who rallied in huge numbers for Barack Obama. Turnout in urban centers like Detroit, Saginaw and Flint dropped by 12 percent when Obama's name came off the ballot.

"Biden needs to get Obama levels of African-American turnout," said Ron Fournier, a Detroit-based Democratic strategist who foresaw Trump's surprise 2016 Michigan victory. "Whether they will actually vote is an open question."

Another unknown is the effect of Trump's outreach efforts. An Oct. 16 Marist poll found that 18 percent of black voters nationally backed him — a sharp increase over the 8 percent he won in 2016.

In a state that was decided by a margin of only 0.2 percent, slimmer than any other, the slightest shift could tip the balance.

### Florida: Hispanic Surge

**29 electoral votes**

**Current poll average: Biden 48% / Trump 47%**

The president won the Sunshine State by 113,000 votes, a 1.2 percent margin, in 2016. To hold it, he's made eight campaign stops there since September.

While Florida Republicans have out-registered the Democrats in the past four years, the 2020 race will be decided by a growing cohort of Latino voters.

"Many are first- and second-generation Americans who escaped socialist or communist regimes in Cuba and Venezuela," said Republican consultant Ford O'Connell. "When Trump talks about fighting socialism, he's talking to them."

They seem to be listening. The St. Pete poll of Oct. 22 pegged Trump's support among Hispanic Floridians at 47 percent.

"State polls in Florida typically overestimate Democrats by two points," O'Connell said — or more. Three days before the 2016 election, Clinton was thought to be ahead in Florida by the same 1.2 percent margin that Trump ultimately won it by. "Trump will eke this out."

### New Hampshire: Independents in Control

**4 electoral votes**

**Current poll average: Biden 53% / Trump 43%**

Trump lost New Hampshire by just 2,700 votes in 2016 after independents — who outnumber both Democrats and Republicans in the Granite State — split their vote down the middle.

This year, unaffiliated voters nationally are breaking for Biden by an 8-point margin, according to the Oct. 28 IBD/TIPP poll. The trend is far more pronounced in New Hampshire: Independents in an Oct. 13 UNH survey favored Biden by 27 percent.

"I think Trump is done in New Hampshire," said Dem strategist Brad Bannon.

Biden's lead there in the RealClearPolitics polling average is three points greater than Clinton's was at this point in 2016. But the president is still battling. He sent both son Eric Trump and Vice President Mike Pence to campaign there in recent weeks, and visited Manchester himself on Oct. 25.

### Pennsylvania: The Senior Switch

**20 electoral votes**

**Current poll average: Biden 50% / Trump 46%**

Trump's declining favorability with seniors, who make up 18 percent of the Keystone State's electorate, could doom him in Pennsylvania, which he won by less than one percentage point in 2016.

"Seniors more than anyone else are worried about the pandemic," Bannon said. "Biden is leading with seniors, as Clinton never did" — by 9 percentage points among over-65 Pennsylvanians, an Oct. 15 Morning Consult poll found. Watch the Pittsburgh suburb of Westmoreland County, where Democrats and Republicans are equally divided but 22 percent of voters are seniors, for evidence of their power. Statewide, though, the GOP has measurable momentum. Trump's 44,000-vote win in 2016 fueled a four-year voter-registration drive that has shaved at least 136,000 voters off the Democrats' numerical advantage.

### North Carolina: The Enthusiasm Gap

**15 electoral votes**

**Current poll average: Biden 48% / Trump 48%**

Trump bested Clinton by more than 173,000 votes, or 3.6 percent, in 2016 — and overperformed his pre-election polling average. Polls in late October of 2016 forecast a 3-point Democratic win in North Carolina. Since then, the GOP has added more voters to the rolls than the Democrats have, netting almost 84,000 Republicans between March and September of this year. Democrats gained less than half that number.

New recruits are often more eager than others to turn out and vote — and here, too, Trump has an advantage. An Oct. 20 ABC News/Washington Post poll of North Carolina found a 15-point intensity gap in the president's favor, with 74 percent of his voters "very enthusiastic" about supporting him. On Oct. 21, 20,000 of those fans turned out for a rally in a suburb of Charlotte. "Since 1984, the candidate with more enthusiasm wins," Republican consultant Ford O'Connell said.



# A Matter of \$urvival

**With the COVID crisis entering its ninth month, the city's economy and municipal finances face an existential threat, and Gotham's need for real leadership grows ever more dire.**

As The New York Times reported last week, the city is now grappling with “a bigger challenge in recovering from the pandemic than almost any other major city in the country. More than one million residents are out of work, and the unemployment rate is nearly double the national average.” City joblessness topped 14 percent in September, as the national rate fell to 7.9 percent.

And the picture might be even worse for New York: As state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli reported, the statewide drop in unemployment, to 9.7 percent, wasn’t driven by more workers getting jobs — but by the unemployed not being counted after giving up on finding jobs and dropping out of the labor force altogether.

Losses are concentrated in five industries: restaurants, hotels, the arts, transportation and building services. Much of that stems from tourists and office workers staying home — but blame some of it, at least, on Gov. Cuomo’s harsh business restrictions, such as his limiting indoor dining to just 25 percent of a restaurant’s capacity.

A new Citizens Budget Commission report paints another grim picture. Taxable sales in the tourism and business-travel sector from June to August were off a stunning 90 percent, or \$2.2 billion, from the same time last year. The recreation and entertainment sector also fell 90 percent. Total sales: down 23 percent, or \$10.2 billion (on top of a \$16.2 billion plunge in the prior three months).

The pandemic is “an event that struck right at the

heart of New York’s comparative advantages,” explains Moody’s Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi. The city’s recovery will be “a long slog,” lasting through 2025, Moody’s warns, even as the rest of the nation gets back on track by 2023.

That means city tax revenue (projected to nose-dive by \$10 billion over just two years) won’t soon rebound. Cuomo (facing his own \$14.5 billion gap this year alone) and Mayor de Blasio might have scant concern for the 1 million jobless New Yorkers and waves of dying businesses, but they should at least worry about their own budgets.

Alas, Cuomo keeps threatening new lockdowns whenever anyone sneezes, figuring he can just blame President Trump for not offsetting the resulting economic pain with federal aid. De Blasio simply papers over problems and kicks the can down the road.

He pushed a half-billion-dollar hole, for instance, into 2022 in a deal with the teachers union. Worse, that bargain also guarantees no layoffs — a commitment he repeated in a similar deal with the DC 37 union. In short, he’s locking in current (unaffordable) expenditures in exchange for permission to dig next year’s \$4 billion-plus budget hole even deeper.

De Blasio and Cuomo are pinning all their hopes on a massive bailout from a Biden presidency — a bailout far larger than anything Joe Biden has actually suggested.

If New York is to survive, economically and fiscally, it needs leaders who can make tough budget-trimming decisions and rev up the economy. Cross your fingers that it doesn’t completely crash in the meantime.

# Early-Vote Kabuki Outrage

**Mayor de Blasio and Gov. Cuomo’s fury over the hours-long early-voting lines would be totally righteous — except that these problems were entirely foreseeable, yet neither man, nor any other local leader, lifted a finger to prevent them.**

New York City’s Boards of Election (including one for each county) are political-patronage cesspools. They screw up regularly — and are *always* overwhelmed by anything new.

It’s been obvious for months that voting in a pandemic would pose big challenges, yet neither the mayor nor the gov offered new funding for the BOEs. Nor, it seems, did either review the plans for early voting, which have been on file for weeks, at the least.

This, though de Blasio is spending big on his new Democracy Office — or is that a political dumping ground, too?

Cuomo, meanwhile, hasn’t bothered to act on the deadlock that’s crippled the state Board of Elections, where Democrats and Republicans joined to neuter his chief enforcement counsel and the

board is unable to choose a new executive director to run the show.

The result, as The Post reported exclusively this past week, was woefully unequal and inadequate distribution of ballot scanners across the city. Sites in places like Park Slope and the Upper East Side were overwhelmed, while locations such as the Barclays Center had excess capacity.

The whole city has just 88 early-voting centers, as opposed to 1,200 poll sites on Election Day. Again, those plans have been on file for weeks.

As for state Sen. Mike Gianaris’ bill to require twice as many early-voting sites: It will only apply to future elections, when demand *won’t* be inflated by the peculiar circumstances of a pandemic.

New York’s leaders are simply posturing about this mess: If they were serious, they’d fight for fundamental reform of the boards — which would mean taking on the machinery in both parties that benefits from the status quo.

This mess is squarely in their laps — as are those to come in years ahead. But all they offer is Kabuki-theater “outrage.”

# LAW AND

Voting ends on Tuesday. But judges may be deciding the result for weeks



**F**OR the next two days the 2020 race is “Donald Trump vs. Joe Biden.” Come Nov. 3, the race likely becomes, “May the best lawyer win.”

Perhaps Biden will win an overwhelming victory, as nearly the entire press corps predicts and prays. Perhaps Trump will blow away the competition, as some of his supporters insist. But with the RealClearPolitics poll averages in battleground states tightening to toss-ups — as in 2016 — this election looks poised on a scalpel’s edge. And with states and courts changing — and changing and changing — rules about how and for how long ballots can be counted, it seems likely the political legal class will soon take over the show.

To the Biden cheerleaders known as the fourth estate, the Democratic nominee boasts a legal team that would put Clarence Darrow, Thurgood Marshall and Cicero to shame. Biden’s “legal war room” will “ensure that elections are properly administered and votes correctly counted” and “combat voter suppression at the polls,” raved the Associated Press. Biden’s operation — “the largest election protection program in presidential campaign history” — consists of former solicitors general (Donald Verrilli, Walter Dellinger), Obama legal stars (Bob Bauer, Eric Holder), Democratic Party titans (Marc Elias) and “hundreds of lawyers,” cheered The New York Times.

Amid the gushing, you might not know that the Republican team has been more than holding its own against the flood of pre-election litigation designed to change the rules and to give Democrats an advantage. The left and the media forget that the GOP learned the hard way the perils of legal flat-foot-



edness. It’s hard to find a conservative lawyer without a searing memory of 2008-09, when lawyers representing a funny fellow named Al Franken managed to swindle Sen. Norm Coleman out of a Minnesota seat. Republicans have been better prepared ever since. And they are very prepared today.

Leading the Trump operation is Justin Clark, who in 2016 played a key role helping Trump navigate recounts and line up delegates. The Trump legal advisory board contains an array of hard-charging state attorneys general, and its own list of stars, from Ed Meese to Harmeet Dhillon to Leonard Leo. It too has lined up a platoon of lawyers and poll watchers, who are already spread out across the 50 states.

The first phase of this group’s legal work — election rules — is nearly done, and it can point to real achievements. It can’t be happy with the Supreme Court’s muddled orders on Wednesday allowing North Carolina to accept absentee ballots past the statutory deadline. At the same time, it successfully argued for enforcing state ballot deadlines in Wisconsin and Michigan. It defeated a lawsuit by Minnesota Democrats seeking a more favorable position on state ballots. It beat back Texas Democrats’ attempts at universal-vote-by-mail. It persuaded courts in Minnesota and Pennsylvania to reject ballot-harvesting. The sheer volume of Demo-



# DISORDER



Jason Benjamin/Sipa USA

cratic efforts to juke the rules — on deadlines, on curbside voting, on ballot collection boxes, on mask mandates at polls — is mind-boggling. Simply keeping up with it is an achievement.

Phase two comes on Election Day, as the Republican National Committee — for the first time in a presidential election since 1980 — fans out poll watchers to polling stations and counting rooms in all 50 states. In 1982, the RNC (following some genuinely creepy behavior in the 1981 New Jersey governor's race) entered into a consent decree with a court to not engage in poll watching. The decree expired in 2017, and the RNC and Trump team have been gearing up ever since. Poll watching rules vary by state, so the campaign has invested time and money in recruiting and training staff and volunteers who will document that election officials are following the rules and that ballots are being counted and sorted appropriately.

Democrats engage heavily in poll watching every cycle, and the measure of how furious they are that the GOP gets to operate equally is the flood of media stories predicting Trump poll-watcher "intimidation" at the ballot box. Don't buy it; the current level of Democratic hostility to Trump voters suggests any intimidation will flow in that direction instead. But do expect

the armies of poll-watchers — unprecedented in size, on both sides — to report a litany of perceived or real irregularities to their respective campaigns' legal teams.

And that's when the fun really begins. Some battlegrounds — say, Arizona — followed their rules and will likely have a credible result by the end of the night. But legal teams are bracing for chaos in states where the rules have been changed. On Wednesday lawyers will be filing dozens of complaints over irregularities, recounts, and which stacks of ballots should be counted. In Pennsylvania, the rules are now so uncertain that officials are segregating ballots received after Election Day — in the understanding that their ultimate fate may be decided by judges, potentially weeks after polls have closed.

That's a recipe for a legal battle unlike any seen in American electoral history, and its outcome will have nothing to do with the candidates, their agendas, or their campaign coffers. It will be entirely about the lawyers. So go vote — make yourself heard. Then hope like hell your side's legal degrees mean something.

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## CHATTER

### Hostile Stahl

Lesley Stahl should be ashamed of herself for the way she conducted her "60 Minutes" interview with President Trump in the White House ("Trump 'steaming' at Stahl," Oct. 22)

It was plainly obvious that she was goading the president from the get-go. Her defiant approach was rude. Exactly who was she trying to impress?

If she spoke to the former President Barack Obama in the same manner, her career would have been finished. Have a modicum of respect for the office of the president. Better yet — retire.

**MaryBeth Foley, Ossining**

### Defund Dem states

Normally I agree with Nicole Gelinas, but not this time ("Prez Is Just Wrong On 'Anarchist' NYC," PostOpinion, Oct. 26)

The governors and mayors of certain states — New York City and Portland, for example — will not change their anti-law-and-order, pro-anarchist policies.

These politicians do not care that law-abiding citizens and store owners suffer. In fact, they revel in their suffering, as they believe it empowers them by making people dependent on their "largesse" and on big government.

These mayors and governors in blue states need to be reined in, as their voters don't seem to care very much if their defenseless neighbors suffer looting and destruction.

I say defund *them*. They really

are anarchists. It took four years of misery under Mayor David Dinkins to give us Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and this time it may take even longer, as the electorate is dumbed down.

**Alice Lemos, Woodside**

### NYPD cop exodus

The mass exodus of senior officers from the NYPD will leave a void that will negatively impact the department and the citizens of New York City ("Losing Our Finest," Editorial, Oct. 25)

Morale is at an all-time low, and thousands of officers are heading out the door. De Blasio and his minions have destroyed the most professional and successful police department in the country, and crime is predictably surging.

Ideally a mayor who is so clearly incompetent and acting in a manner so detrimental to the city should be removed from office, but in this case, the next man up is as incompetent and misguided as he is.

**Thomas Urban, Wantagh**

### School scramble

The city Department of Education is putting parents and schools in a terrible position by announcing such a huge change at the last minute ("Carranza to Parents: Drop Dead," Editorial, Oct. 28).

We were told we could opt-in quarterly for blended learning. The DOE's leaders want to pressure parents to send their children back by only offering one chance to do it because

they very well know remote learning isn't working, and they aren't equipped to make it work because they need additional teachers and resources they can't pay for.

Shame on New York City. Parents need to go back to work, and DOE leaves everything until the last minute, so we are all scrambling. Parents should not have to choose between their jobs and their children.

**Jennifer Kopp, Staten Island**

### AP's style folly

Jonathan S. Tobin correctly identifies the Associated Press' Stylebook as a primary reference for journalists ("AP Takes Media Bias To a Whole New Level," PostOpinion, Oct. 23).

It seems the AP dictates that riots now be referred to as "protests" and terrorists should be called "militants." Whatever happened to calling a spade a spade?

**Patricia Moran, Wall, NJ**



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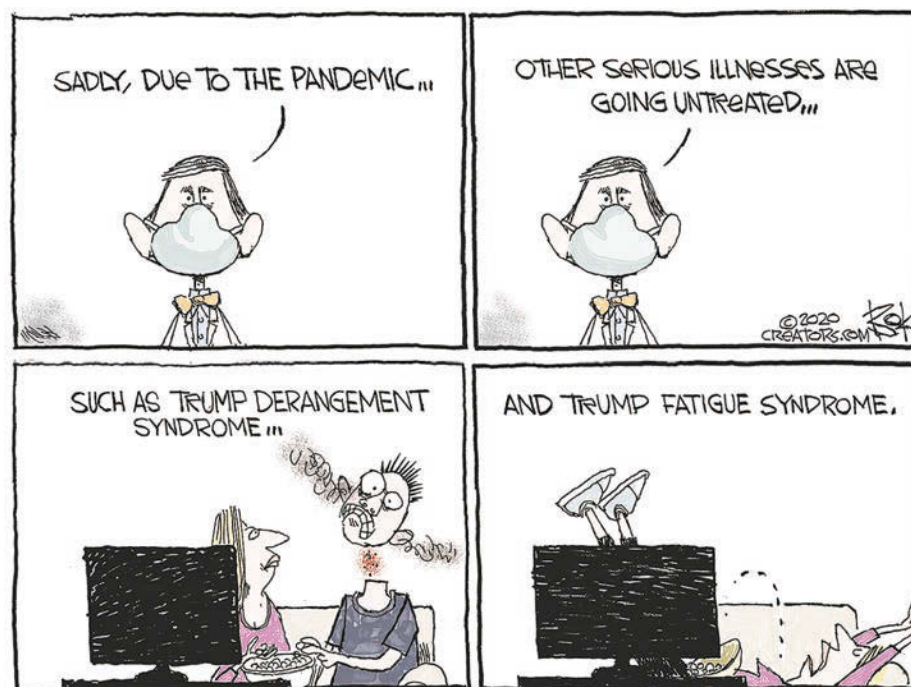


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# POSTSCRIPT Books



## REQUIRED READING by Mackenzie Dawson

### White Ivy

**Susie Yang** (fiction, *Simon & Schuster*) Ivy Lin is on the outside, but she wants in: wealth, privilege and Gideon Speyer, the golden boy at her high school. Years later, Ivy is a 20-something in Boston when she bumps into Gideon's sister — and begins a relationship with him that's the sum total of everything she ever wanted. Or is it? A delightfully creepy debut novel.



### Double Agent

**Tom Bradby** (fiction, *Atlantic Monthly Press*) Kate Henderson has been kidnapped in Venice by a Russian defector, generally not a promising development when one is on vacation. But then her kidnapper gives her evidence that the British prime minister is an agent working for Moscow, and Kate knows she's got her next case.



### The Man in the Microwave Oven

**Susan Cox** (fiction, *Minotaur*) In the aftermath of a murder and family tragedy, Theo Bogart changed her name and fled from England to San Francisco, beginning a new life where no one knew her secrets. But after a confrontation with a neighbor, Theo worries her past has caught up with her.



### The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop

**Fannie Flagg** (fiction, *Random House*) From the bestselling author of "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" comes a novel about Bud Threadgoode, who grew up in Whistle Stop with his mother Ruth and his aunt Iddie. But Whistle Stop has become a ghost town, all its shops closed. One day, Bud decides to take a trip back to Whistle Stop and see if it's possible to go home again.



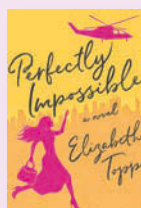
### The Museum of Forgotten Memories

**Anstey Harris** (fiction, *Gallery Books*) Cate's husband Richard died four years ago. Things lately haven't gotten any better: She has been laid off from her teaching job and can no longer pay rent on her apartment. She and her son head to Richard's ancestral museum — Hatters Museum of the Wide Wide World — in the town of Crouch-on-Sea.



### Perfectly Impossible

**Elizabeth Topp** (fiction, *Little A*) Anna is an aspiring artist who works as a private assistant to Bambi Von Bizmark, an Upper East Side matriarch and guest of honor at the upcoming Opera Ball. Hilarious shades of "Devil Wears Prada."



# HATE BY DESIGN

## How far-right groups are using fashion symbols to recruit the youth



by ERIC SPITZNAGEL

**O**N Sept. 24, British fashion brand Fred Perry released a statement on its website and social channels, announcing that the company would no longer be selling its \$95 polo shirts with a gold and black laurel design to the United States and Canada.

The reason: The shirt had been adapted as a uniform by far-right group the Proud Boys.

"That association is something we must do our best to end," the statement read, vowing not to make the shirt available in North America again until the Proud Boys ceased using the clothing line "to their own ends."

The shirt's appeal among right-wing extremists is partly to do with imagery. The laurel wreath logo on the Fred Perry polo is (unintentionally) similar to the yellow wreath used in some Nazi ceremonial flags. But according to Cynthia Miller-Idriss, a professor of education and sociology at American University's School of Public Affairs, the fashion

statement, when used by the Proud Boys, has a more nefarious purpose.

The co-opting of brands like Fred Perry has "helped make the far-right more palatable to a broader range of youth," she tells *The Post*. "It helps them blend in, making it easier to 'try on' extremist ideas without fully committing in the way that shaving their heads required in the era of the racist skinhead aesthetic."

It doesn't end with polo shirts. As Miller-Idriss explains in her new book, "Hate in the Homeland: The New Global Far Right" (Princeton University Press), out now, the market for hate is thriving.

"Today's far-right consumers can choose from a wide array of high-quality products . . . from the way they cook to the clothes they wear," Miller-Idriss writes. "There are dedicated YouTube talk shows, clothing brands, and music streaming services."

It's a shift that began in 2014, when German neo-Nazis began dressing like Brooklyn hipsters — a style that German media dubbed "Nipsters." In a *Rolling Stone* profile of the Nipster movement, one of the co-founders

claimed it helped Nazis "live within the mainstream" and present a "friendlier, hipper face" to the public.

This strategy soon made its way across the ocean to American far-right radicals. Andrew Anglin, founder of the neo-Nazi Daily Stormer Web site, wrote a screed in 2017 calling on white nationalists to change their recruitment tactics.

"The core of marketing is aesthetic," Anglin wrote. "We need to look appealing. We want to hit the average. We want normal people. We have to be hip and we have to be sexy."

While today's hate groups are anything but hip or sexy, they have gotten more sophisticated when it comes to presenting themselves as "normal."

The so-called Boogaloo Boys, an extremist group that believes a second American civil war is imminent, took part in sometimes violent protests earlier this summer in states like Texas, Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania, all while wearing floral Hawaiian shirts.

The origins of the floral shirt trend involve Internet wordplay — it started with jokes about the 1984 movie "Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo," which evolved into shorthand like "big igloo"





The far-right Boogaloo Boys group embrace Hawaiian shirts to make themselves more appealing to the youth, according to author Cynthia Miller-Idriss. Other mainstream aesthetics repurposed by neo-Nazi types include the Pepe the Frog (far left), Dr. Martens boots (center) and the Fred Perry laurel (near inset), said to resemble Nazi iconography.

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and “big luau.”

This use of mainstream aesthetics “can make far-right views seem less dangerous to the public,” Miller-Idriss said. “It’s harder to recognize ideas as extreme when they come in a package that looks more like the kid next door than the neo-Nazi of people’s imaginations.”

Food is a particularly rich domain for sharing subtle messages about identity and tradition, “as well as narratives of rebellion against an unjust state or liberal elites,” says Miller-Idriss.

Examples include Balaclava Küche, a vegan cooking channel hosted by German balaclava-wearing extremists, or The Blonde Butter Maker, a cooking vlog that “blends messaging about white European paganism with video instruction on how to make nut milk, dehydrate herbs, or preserve berries.”

Another way that hate is marketed in an appealing package is “Fashwave,” a mashup of fascism and the synthwave-based synthwave genre of music. Synthwave has long been a favorite of extremist groups — white supremacist Richard Spencer once called syn-

**The core of marketing is aesthetic. We need to look appealing . . . We have to be hip and we have to be sexy.**

— Andrew Anglin, neo-Nazi

thwave rockers Depeche Mode “the official band of the alt-right,” a title the band members rejected — but in recent years, fashwave has emerged to provide an official soundtrack for hate. Popular fashwave artist Xurious have songs with titles like “Team White,” “Death to Traitors,” “The Caucasian Mind,” and with almost 100,000 streams on Spotify, “Revolt Against the Modern World.”

As with Fred Perry, not all hate-group gateways are knowing collaborators. When fast-food franchise Wendy’s tweeted a meme of Pepe the Frog (a popular In-

ternet comic that’s been appropriated by alt-right white supremacists) dressed as the company’s logo in 2017, the company quickly realized its error and pulled it down, but not before the Daily Stormer named Wendy’s “the official burger of the Neo-Nazi Alt-Right movement.” They also gave this dubious honor to Papa John’s Pizza (calling it the “Official Pizza of the Aryan Master Race”) and even singer Taylor Swift, who the Daily Stormer called an “Aryan goddess” and a “neo-Nazi sleeper agent.”

Some brands, like Dr. Martens, have garnered controversy for unwittingly endorsing their association with hate



groups. In 2017, the English footwear company was widely criticized for a holiday billboard in Portland, Ore., that featured a black boot with red laces, a color combination often used by skinhead groups to demonstrate that they have “spilled blood” for the white supremacy cause.

These new aesthetics of modern extremism enable those with similar ideological views to identify each other, Miller-Idriss says.

“It signals political affiliation and attitudes toward others, allowing like-minded youth to find one another and strike up conversations in school, at stadiums, in bars, and at parties.”

As one young person influenced by these tactics explained to the author, when they see someone wearing a T-shirt from a brand known to market to the far right, it makes them think, “Maybe I’m not so alone after all.”

It also becomes a game, Miller-Idriss says. Because parents, teachers

and other authority figures can’t always recognize the symbolism, it gives young people a sense of power and secrecy. “They’re hiding their ideological views in plain sight in ways that other insiders might recognize, but most outsiders would not,” Miller-Idriss says.

This could take the form of an alphanumeric sequence of numbers and letters like “2YT4U,” which translates as “too white for you,” or the slightly modified Detroit Red Wings hockey team logo, with the spokes replaced with the lightning bolts of Hitler’s Schutzstaffel, worn by members of a hate group called Detroit Right Wings.

Miller-Idriss warns that the problem will only get worse as far-right nationalists find new ways for young people to be two things at once — mainstream in their appearance and interests, but extreme in their ideas and positions.

“This makes for a softer, less committed, and more experimental entry,” writes Miller-Idriss. “A literal trying-on of extremism that also enables plausible deniability.”



# NOBEL ROT

Why the Peace Prize committee will defy its own rules to deny Trump the award he deserves



President Trump has achieved the four criteria laid out by prize founder Alfred Nobel, but the prestigious award has been politicized by Norway's powerful elite, according to a new book.

By MARY KAY LINGE

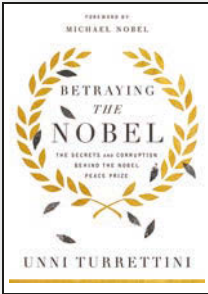
**F** Alfred Nobel had any say in the matter, President Donald Trump would be a top contender for the peace prize that bears the long-dead Swedish industrialist's name. "Trump is actually exactly what Alfred Nobel wanted for his peace champions," author Unni Turrettini told *The Post*. Unlike any laureate before him, Trump has attained all four of the criteria that Nobel laid out in his 1895 will, which established the Nobel Peace Prize. Trump has promoted fellowship among nations via the Abraham Accords between Israel and its Arab neighbors; he has reduced the American military footprint overseas; and he has sponsored peace negotiations between Serbia and Kosovo — accomplishing all of this in the past year, the fourth element of Nobel's instructions. Any one of those achievements, by the terms of Nobel's will, would

make Trump a worthy laureate. This year, four official nominators announced that they have submitted applications on Trump's behalf for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize. "But I would say the chances of him winning are slim to none," Turrettini said — because the award known as "the world's most prestigious prize" has been hopelessly politicized for more than a century. In "Betraying the Nobel" (Pegasus), out Tuesday, Turrettini explains how Alfred Nobel's idealistic aims were thwarted, starting soon after his death in 1896. Nobel's will gave Norway's parliament, the Storting, the job of selecting a five-person committee that would choose laureates for an annual Peace Prize, funded by his estate. But the Storting stocked the committee with current and former politicians, making it a creature of Norway's governing elite — not the non-partisan institution that Nobel intended. Inevitably, the Peace Prize "became a political award," Turrettini said,

"supporting Norwegian foreign policies and following the Norwegian government's leanings." The committee almost immediately abandoned Nobel's peace criteria for its own, endlessly malleable definition. "It's been: We'll do exactly what we want and we'll call it peace," she said. The 1906 prize given to Theodore Roosevelt launched the committee's love-hate relationship with the United States. "Sometimes the prize has been a strategic selection to strengthen ties with the US," Turrettini explained. Nobel Peace Prizes for Woodrow Wilson, Henry Kissinger and others were olive branches offered to America's ruling class. But at other times, the prize has been an outright rebuke of a hated American president like George W. Bush. "The committee made five selec-

tions" — including the prizes for Jimmy Carter and Al Gore — "as a slap in the face to him," Turrettini said. "The last one in the series came in 2009, the award to Barack Obama," given just months after Obama replaced Bush in the White House. "They clearly stated that choice was a signal to the world that this is the kind of man we want as a leader in the United States: someone who is more cooperative and more to the liking of the European and Norwegian political elites." Trump is far from the committee's ideal American president. "His rhetoric, and dare I say his abrasive and perhaps divisive leadership style — it rubs the committee the wrong way," Turrettini said. Worse, from the committee's perspective, Trump represents the rise of a populism that challenges globalist presumptions. Three of Trump's

four Nobel nominations were filed by politicians from upstart nationalist parties in Norway, Sweden and Finland. "Norway's elite continues to have an unwavering faith in the United Nations and a hope for a global government," Turrettini said. "But people are tired of a political elite that is not connected to those they are supposed to serve," she said, pointing to Trump's election, the Brexit movement in Great Britain, and similar populist protests throughout Europe. If Trump wins re-election and remains in office for four more years, dismissing his genuine peace achievements could put the Peace Prize's own legitimacy at risk, she warned. "I think the committee is going to lose more and more credibility," Turrettini said, "unless they get on track with the intentions and the values of Alfred Nobel. "And those are not necessarily the same values as the Norwegian government."



## COVER STORY: When library shut, 5-year-old wrote own books

Before the pandemic, 5-year-old Egypt Bush made weekly trips to the Cambria Heights branch of the Queens Public Library, where she would pick up 10 to 14 books at a time as bedtime stories for her and her brother. In March, a beloved pastime was suddenly disrupted. "When the library closed, we had a bunch of books, maybe 10-12 that we had checked out," says Egypt's mother, Shaleem Bush. "She kept reading them over and over with her dad. One day he said, 'Why don't you come up with a story?' That night, she told him a story from her imagi-

nation. And he started writing down what she wrote. And he asked her, 'Why don't you write your own book?' She got really excited." And just like that, a new hobby was born. Shaleem, who is in the communications field, worked with a graphic designer to bring the books to life. Young Egypt is now a prolific author; since June, she has published "Superhero Town," "Superhero Family," "Superhero School" and "Egypt's Everyday Superheroes Col-



oring and Activity Books." The theme in all of the books is that ordinary people have superpowers they can use to help their community. Her books all star herself — a New Yorker with Trinidad heritage — as a main character. A 2018 review of diversity in children's publishing found that only 10 percent of children's books depicted an African-American character. "There aren't that many places where she can see kids that look like herself," says Shaleem. "It's about

empowerment." Egypt is attending school remotely, but she has had a virtual read-along of her books with her class. She and her mother have visited neighborhood beauty-supply stores and nail salons where she has sold the book. "Seeing her interact with these kids is really special," says Shaleem. "They all say, 'I want to write a book, too!'" Follow Egypt on Instagram at @beingegypt. — Mackenzie Dawson



Egypt Bush



# Sunday Break

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10 Mushroom sought by mushroom hunters  
15 Econ. barometer  
18 Bar on a truck  
19 Swiss luxury brand  
20 Butler's love  
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22 Swindler  
24 "It's hopeless"  
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27 \_\_\_ fly: run-scoring out  
28 World's largest tennis stadium  
29 Social media profile picture, often  
30 Clue follower  
32 Muralist Rivera  
34 Cybertruck maker  
35 Rod's partner  
37 "Over here!"  
40 Hoods at a monastery  
43 Meat brand spelled out by a four-year-old in ads  
48 C-SPAN addict, say  
50 Miley Cyrus label  
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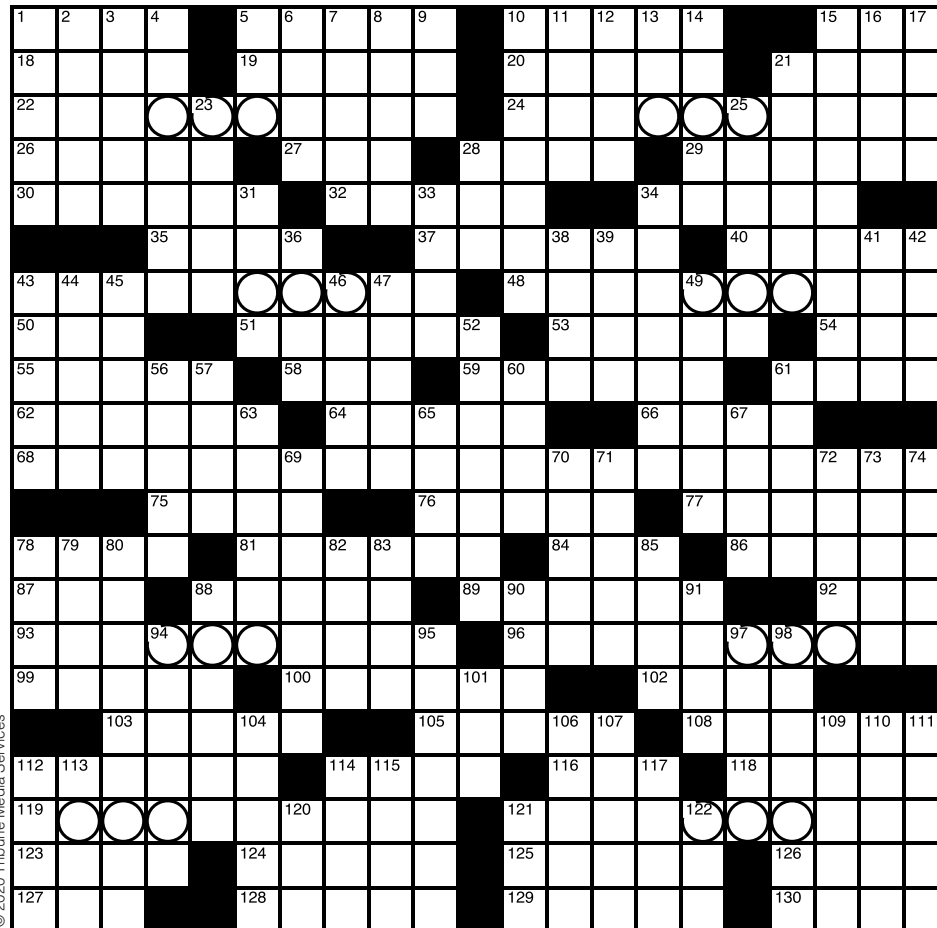
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86 Texas site of Pizza Hut headquarters  
87 Helen Reddy's "\_\_\_ Woman"  
88 Flood control  
89 Big name in bowling shoes  
92 Dudes  
93 Some Nehi drinks  
96 It may be cracked with a key  
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102 Soothing succulent  
103 "Look before you leap," e.g.  
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121 Fugitive trackers, at times  
123 Big party  
124 Caffeine-rich nuts  
125 Curling venue  
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127 Rapper Lil \_\_\_ X  
128 Look after  
129 Exorcist's target  
130 Overly curious

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4 Deep-fried Japanese dish  
5 Boxer's warning  
6 Turns  
7 Trojan War saga  
8 Joe who played the thief Harry in "Home Alone"  
9 Phone routing no.  
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11 "I know! Pick me!"  
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14 Time-\_\_\_  
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17 Free of contaminants  
21 Pump measure  
23 Autumn blossom  
25 Coast Guard mission  
28 Before now  
31 Sewer's bottoms  
33 "Reader, I married him" governess

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36 The Beatles' Penny, e.g.  
38 It's driven on a trail  
39 Has a balance due  
41 In real time  
42 Piece inside a pumpkin  
43 Seal-hunting swimmers  
44 Whippersnapper  
45 Pole thrown by Scots  
46 "Seriously?"  
47 Wild throw, usually  
49 Crown collection  
52 Wine and dine  
56 Elite guests  
57 Airport screening likelihood  
60 Pie crust ingredient  
61 Gas brand with a red "o" in its logo  
63 Team from College Station, Texas  
65 Stefani of No Doubt  
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69 Selection process for MLB All-Stars  
70 Crusoe creator  
71 Swiss coin  
72 National rival  
73 Shaped like a megaphone  
74 Danish coin  
78 Sound of resignation  
79 Syrup used in pecan pies  
80 "It puzzles me"



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82 Jon of "Chicago P.D."  
83 "You betcha!"  
85 "Look, señorita!"  
88 Stanford who co-founded Stanford University  
90 Winter Palace monarch  
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101 Clown for the camera  
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122 Spam holder

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# Snaps

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In Calabasas, Calif., Kim Kardashian West, kids Psalm, 1, North, 7, Chicago, 2, and Saint, 4, and best friend Jonathan "Foodgod" Cheban dress up as Carole Baskin, Joe Exotic and a litter of tigers from "Tiger King."

## WILD THINGS



## TILL DEATH DO US PART

"It takes my breath away! Well it would if I had any....," jokes **Halsey**, while dressing up as Emily from Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride" (inset).



## WIGGING OUT

Kelly Ripa gets into costume as Moira Rose from "Schitt's Creek" while filming "Live With Kelly and Ryan" on the Upper West Side.



## STAR-STRUCK

Jesse Tyler Ferguson, dressed as Little Orphan Annie, poses with Britney Spears' star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in L.A.





## A LEG UP

Rihanna shows off a bodysuit and corset from her Savage X Fenty lingerie collection.



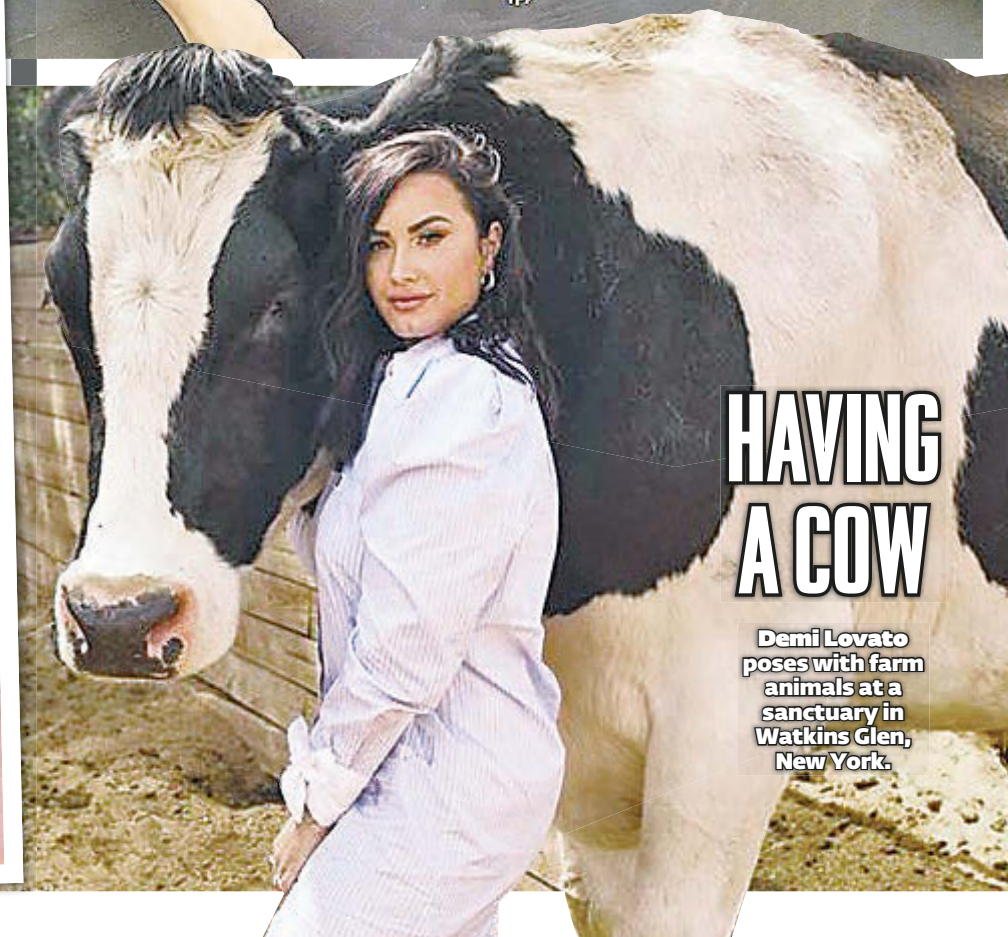
## UP, UP AND AWAY

Kaley Cuoco attempts to stave off her quarantine boredom by making her dog fly with balloons.



## FIRST BLUSH

One of Charlize Theron's daughters does her makeup.

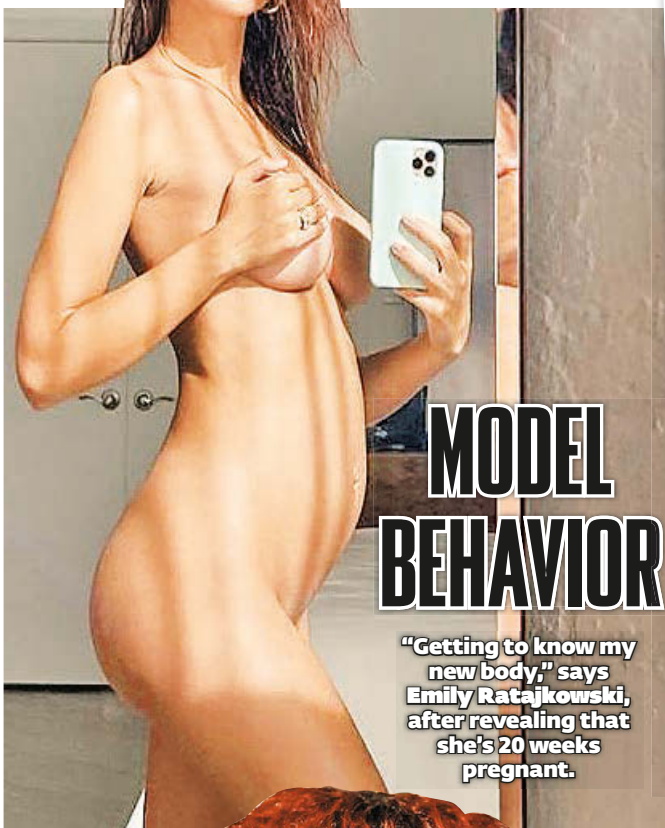


## HAVING A COW

Demi Lovato poses with farm animals at a sanctuary in Watkins Glen, New York.

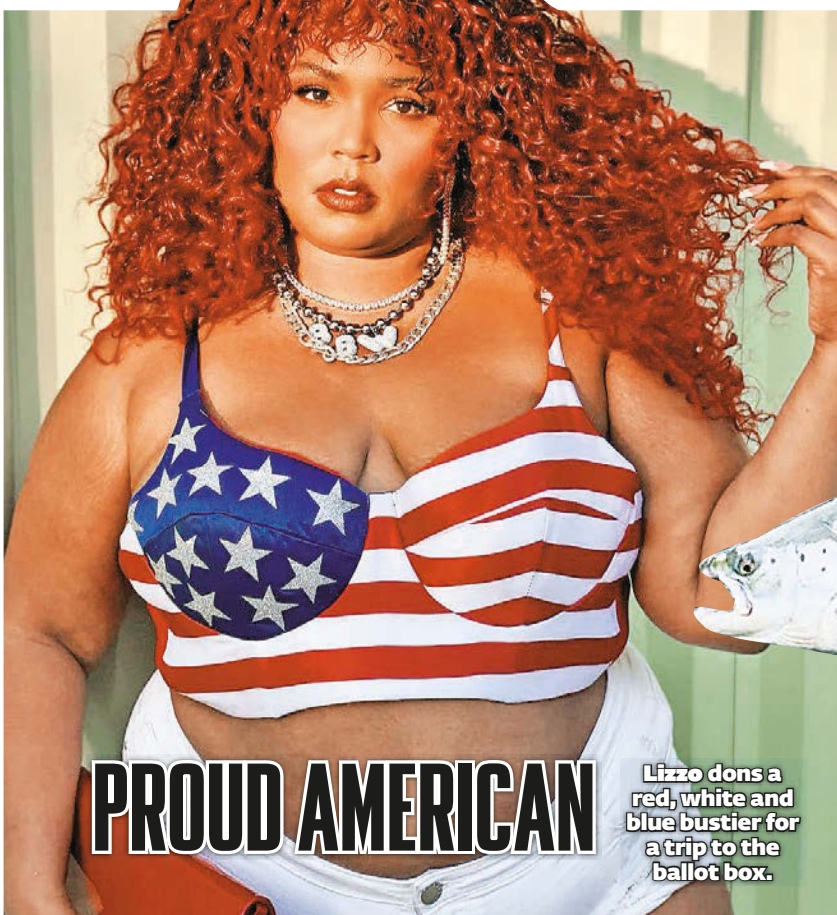


# Snaps



## MODEL BEHAVIOR

"Getting to know my new body," says Emily Ratajkowski, after revealing that she's 20 weeks pregnant.



## PROUD AMERICAN

Lizzo dons a red, white and blue bustier for a trip to the ballot box.



## NOT-SO MEAN STREETS

"The good old days..." says Alec Baldwin, posting a past shot with his pups.



## ON THE LINE

"Remember to smile especially when you 'cast that ballot' then release it into the mail box," jokes Orlando Bloom while fishing.





## WHAT'S COOKING?

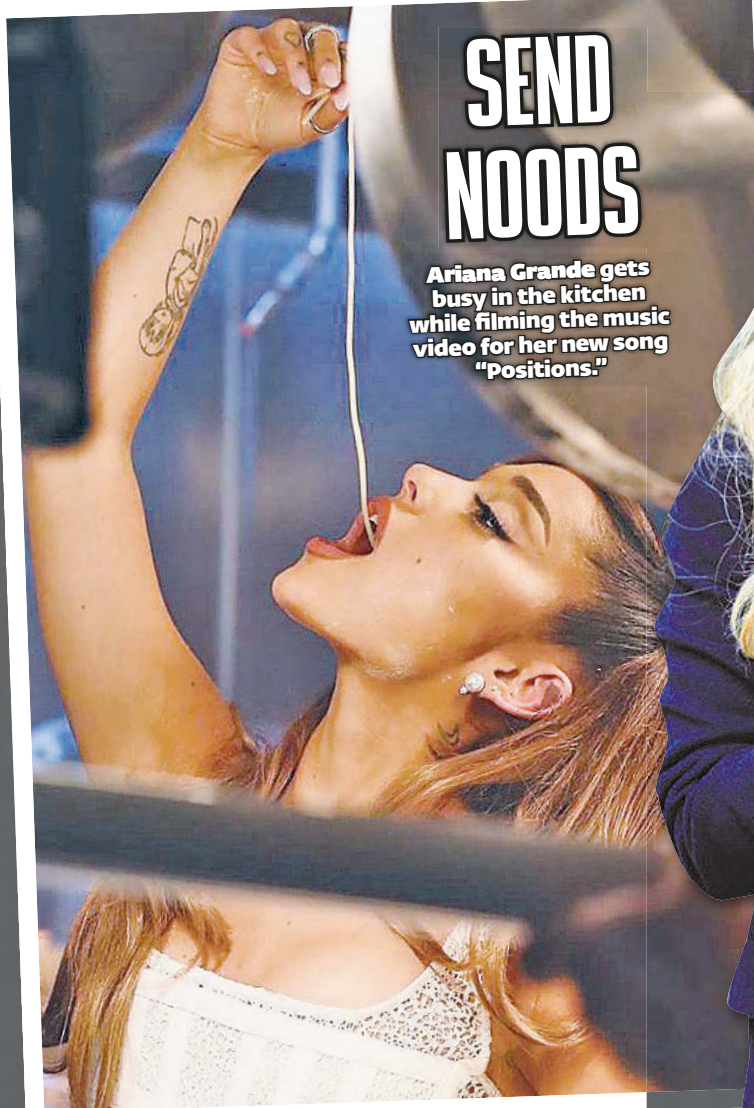
In Miami, Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello cuddle in the kitchen.



## SKETCHED OUT

Kate McKinnon films a video for "Saturday Night Live" in Central Park.

Jose Perez/Bauergriffin.com/MCA



## SEND NOODS

Ariana Grande gets busy in the kitchen while filming the music video for her new song "Positions."



## PUPPY LOVE

Julia Garner portrays fake heiress Anna Delvey on the set of "Inventing Anna" in New York City.



## IN THE SWIM

Chris Hemsworth meditates underwater — before one of his young sons tries to distract him.

Steve Sands/SplashNews.com



LOOK WHO'S TALKING THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



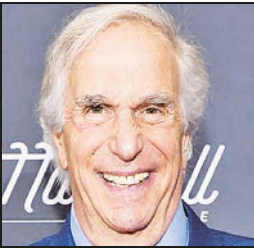
DREW BARRYMORE

9 a.m., Ch. 2  
Monday: Chelsea Handler (above); Luvvie Ajayi Jones  
Tuesday: Jessica Capshaw; baking therapist Jack Hazan  
Wednesday: Fortune Feimster



THE TONIGHT SHOW

11:35 p.m., Ch. 4  
Monday: Anthony Anderson; Sen. Elizabeth Warren  
Wednesday: Sarah Silverman; Common (above)



THE LATE LATE SHOW

12:35 a.m., Ch. 2  
Monday: Vin Diesel; Jack Panate  
Tuesday: Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Friday: Henry Winkler (above); The Kills

Sunday November 1, 2020

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies Sports New

| Evening  | SP  | C   | F           | 6:30pm                                                    | 7:00pm                                                                                  | 7:30pm                                                       | 8:00pm                                                                                                                                    | 8:30pm                                                                 | 9:00pm                                            | 9:30pm                                                     | 10:00pm                         | 10:30pm                                        | 11:00pm                                 | 11:30pm            |  |
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| 2 WCBS   | 2   | 2   | 2           | News                                                      | 60 Minutes: Topical news.                                                               |                                                              | Star Trek Beyond (2016): Enterprise crash-lands on strange planet and encounters deadly alien race. Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. PG-13 ★★½ |                                                                        |                                                   |                                                            |                                 |                                                | CBS 2 News at 11PM                      | (11:35) CBS 2 News |  |
| 4 WNBC   | 4   | 4   | 4           | NBC Nightly News                                          | Football Night in America: Game highlights.                                             |                                                              | (8:20) Sunday Night Football: Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles from Lincoln Financial Field. Live.                                   |                                                                        |                                                   |                                                            |                                 |                                                | News 4 New York at 11                   |                    |  |
| 5 WNYW   | 5   | 5   | 5           | (4:25) NFL Football Live.                                 |                                                                                         | The OT Live.                                                 | The Simpsons                                                                                                                              | (8:31) Bless the Harts                                                 | Bob's Burgers                                     | Family Guy                                                 | FOX 5 News at 10                | Sports Extra                                   | In Depth: Ryan Lochte                   | Raw Travel         |  |
| 7 WABC   | 7   | 7   | 7           | ABC World News                                            | America's Funniest Home Videos: Bird frights.                                           |                                                              | Supermarket Sweep: Shopping skills.                                                                                                       |                                                                        | Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Joel McHale.      |                                                            | Card Sharks: Airplane question. |                                                | Eyewitness News at 11: News of the day. |                    |  |
| 9 WWOR   | 9   | 9   | 9           | Schitt's Creek                                            | Modern Family                                                                           | Modern Family                                                | The Big Bang Theory                                                                                                                       | The Big Bang Theory                                                    | The Big Bang Theory                               | The Big Bang Theory                                        | Modern Family                   | Modern Family                                  | Schitt's Creek                          | Schitt's Creek     |  |
| 11 WPIX  | 11  | 11  | 11          | Right This Minute                                         | black-ish                                                                               | black-ish                                                    | Pandora: Intergalactic fight club; Sumi princess.                                                                                         |                                                                        | Whose Line? (R)                                   | Whose Line? (R)                                            | PIX11 News at Ten               | (10:45) One on One                             | Seinfeld                                | Seinfeld           |  |
| 13 WNET  | 13  | 13  | 13          | MetroFocus                                                | Jazz at Lincoln Center: Sesame Street music. (R)                                        |                                                              | The Trouble with Maggie Cole                                                                                                              |                                                                        | Masterpiece                                       |                                                            | COBRA                           |                                                | Masterpiece: Remains are found. (R)     |                    |  |
| 21 WLIW  | 21  | 21  | 21          | Weekend                                                   | Metro                                                                                   | Metallica & San Francisco (2019) NR                          |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        | Change Your Brain Amen MD: 6 practical steps. (R) |                                                            |                                 | Ken Burns Music (R)                            |                                         |                    |  |
| 25 WNYE  | 25  | 22  | 25          | (5:30) TBA                                                | GZero                                                                                   | Profiles (R)                                                 | On Story                                                                                                                                  | Day's Work                                                             | Her B Idea                                        | Neighbor                                                   | Voyager                         | Feet                                           | Confucius Was a Foodie                  |                    |  |
| 31 WPXN  | 31  | 3   | 531         | NCIS: LA                                                  | NCIS: Los Angeles                                                                       |                                                              | NCIS: Los Angeles                                                                                                                         |                                                                        | Chicago P.D.                                      |                                                            | Chicago P.D.                    |                                                | Chicago P.D.                            |                    |  |
| 41 WXTV  | 41  | 6   | 41          | Noticiero                                                 | Aquí y ahora: Noticias.                                                                 |                                                              | The Impossible (2012): A family is separated by a tsunami. ★★½                                                                            |                                                                        |                                                   | Sal-pimnta                                                 |                                 | Noticias                                       | Noticiero                               |                    |  |
| 47 WNJU  | 47  | 16  | 12          | Noticias                                                  | Overboard (2018): Arrogant boss with amnesia is tricked. ★★½                            |                                                              | The Rundown (2003) Dwayne Johnson. ★★½                                                                                                    |                                                                        |                                                   | Noticiero                                                  |                                 | Noticias                                       |                                         |                    |  |
| 55 WLNY  | 55  | 10  | 10          | Paid                                                      | Queens                                                                                  | Queens                                                       | Girls                                                                                                                                     | Girls                                                                  | WLNY News at 9PM                                  |                                                            | Paid                            | Judge Judy                                     | Family Guy                              | Family Guy         |  |
| A&E      | 46  | 46  | 181         | (5:30) The Bourne Supremacy (2004)                        |                                                                                         |                                                              | The Bourne Ultimatum (2007): Amnesiac assassin. Matt Damon.                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                   | Court Cam                                                  |                                 | Court Cam                                      | Court Cam                               |                    |  |
| AMC      | 54  | 43  | 231         | Halloween (1978): Psycho stalks teens.                    |                                                                                         |                                                              | (7:59) Fear the Dead (R)                                                                                                                  |                                                                        |                                                   | Fear the Walking Dead                                      |                                 | Dead: World Beyond: Risky journey.             |                                         | Fear Dead          |  |
| BET      | 37  | 54  | 270         | (6:00) Tyler Perry's Acrimony (2018): Adultery.           |                                                                                         |                                                              | Taraji P. Henson. R ★★                                                                                                                    |                                                                        |                                                   | 2020 Hip Hop Awards: Hip-hop artists are honored.          |                                 |                                                | Martin                                  | Martin             |  |
| BBCAM    | 71  | 101 | 189         | (6:00) Transporter 2 (2005) PG-13 ★★½                     |                                                                                         |                                                              | Top Gear                                                                                                                                  |                                                                        |                                                   | Transporter 2 (2005): Kidnapping scheme. PG-13 ★★½         |                                 |                                                | Under Siege (1992) R ★★½                |                    |  |
| BRAVO    | 18  | 44  | 185         | Below Deck                                                | Real Housewives (R)                                                                     |                                                              | Housewives of Potomac                                                                                                                     |                                                                        | Housewives of Potomac                             |                                                            | Race: Our Vote                  |                                                | (11:15) Real Housewives                 |                    |  |
| CNBC     | 15  | 24  | 102         | Shark Tank                                                | Shark Tank                                                                              |                                                              | Shark Tank                                                                                                                                |                                                                        | Shark Tank                                        |                                                            | Shark Tank                      |                                                | Shark Tank: Decorations.                |                    |  |
| CNN      | 78  | 25  | 100         | (6:00) Countdown to Election Day                          |                                                                                         |                                                              | Countdown to Election Day: Election preview.                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                   | Countdown to Election Day: Election countdown.             |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| COM      | 45  | 50  | 190         | Millers ★★                                                | The Longest Yard (2005): Convicts play guards in football game.                         |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | We're the Millers (2013): Drug dealer hires fake family as cover. R    |                                                   |                                                            |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| DIS      | 49  | 31  | 250         | Raven                                                     | Liv Maddie                                                                              | TBA                                                          | Raven                                                                                                                                     | Raven                                                                  | Just Roll                                         | Disney Fam                                                 | Jessie                          | Jessie                                         | Stuck Mid.                              | Wizards            |  |
| DSC      | 66  | 27  | 120         | Alaska                                                    | Alaska: The Last Frontier                                                               |                                                              | Alaska: The Last Frontier: A new chapter.                                                                                                 |                                                                        |                                                   | (10:01) Terrorism Close                                    |                                 | (11:01) Homestead (R)                          |                                         |                    |  |
| E!       | 24  | 51  | 196         | (5:00) Last Holiday (2006)                                |                                                                                         | Last Holiday (2006): A sales clerk has a European spree. ★★½ |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        | Race: Our Vote                                    |                                                            |                                 | (11:15) E! True (R)                            |                                         |                    |  |
| ESPN     | 28  | 36  | 70          | Marathon                                                  | SportsCenter                                                                            |                                                              | Sports                                                                                                                                    | USL Soccer: Final Live.                                                |                                                   |                                                            | SportsCenter                    |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| ESPN2    | 29  | 35  | 74          | Top Rank                                                  | College Football Final                                                                  |                                                              | Formula 1 Racing: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix Replay.                                                                                       |                                                                        |                                                   |                                                            |                                 | X Games                                        | X Games                                 | X Games            |  |
| FBN      | 43  | 106 | 117         | Sunday                                                    | Maria Wall Street (R)                                                                   |                                                              | OBJECTified                                                                                                                               |                                                                        | OBJECTified                                       |                                                            | OBJECTified                     |                                                | OBJECTified                             |                    |  |
| FNC      | 44  | 26  | 118         | Fox Report                                                | FOX News Sunday                                                                         |                                                              | Life, Liberty & Levin                                                                                                                     |                                                                        | Next Revolution Hilton                            |                                                            | FOX News Live                   |                                                | Life, Liberty & Levin                   |                    |  |
| FOOD     | 50  | 97  | 164         | Holiday (R)                                               | Holiday Baking (R)                                                                      |                                                              | Holiday Wars                                                                                                                              |                                                                        | Beat Bobby                                        | Beat Bobby                                                 | Beat Bobby                      | Beat Bobby                                     | Beat Bobby                              | Beat Bobby         |  |
| FREFRM   | 38  | 49  | 199         | Matilda ★★                                                | (6:55) Coco (2017): Young boy dreams of being a musician. PG ★★                         |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | (9:25) Frozen (2013): Princess tries to break icy spell. Kristen Bell. |                                                   |                                                            |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| FS1      | 400 | 99  | 83          | NHRA Live.                                                | NHRA Post                                                                               | PBA Bowling:                                                 | PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 Taped.                                                                                                          |                                                                        |                                                   | PBC Fight Night: Errol Spence Jr. vs. Shawn Porter Replay. |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| FX       | 10  | 40  | 53          | Kingsman                                                  | BlackKkKlansman (2018): Black detective exposes Ku Klux Klan. R ★★½                     |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | Fargo                                                      |                                 | (11:01) Fargo (R)                              |                                         |                    |  |
| HALL     |     | 191 | 240         | Picture a Perfect Christmas (2019)                        |                                                                                         |                                                              | On the 12th Date of Christmas (2020)                                                                                                      |                                                                        |                                                   | Christmas at Graceland: Home for the Holidays              |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| HGTV     | 64  | 98  | 165         | Property                                                  | Property Brothers (R)                                                                   |                                                              | Bryan Inc.: Troubleshoot.                                                                                                                 |                                                                        | Windy City Rehab (R)                              |                                                            | Windy City Rehab (R)            |                                                | Windy City Rehab (R)                    |                    |  |
| HIST     | 40  | 47  | 128         | Am. Picker                                                | American Pickers (R)                                                                    |                                                              | American Pickers (R)                                                                                                                      |                                                                        | (9:02) American Pickers                           |                                                            | (10:05) American Pickers        |                                                | (11:05) American Pickers                |                    |  |
| ID       | 23  | 171 | 123         | Diabolical                                                | Diabolical (R)                                                                          |                                                              | Evil Lives Here (R)                                                                                                                       |                                                                        | Killer in Question: 2 hunters shot dead.          |                                                            |                                 | American Monster (R)                           |                                         |                    |  |
| LIFE     | 62  | 45  | 140         | (6:00) Candy Cane Christmas (2020)                        |                                                                                         |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        | The Christmas Aunt (2020): Faith in Christmas.    |                                                            |                                 | (10:03) Jingle Belle (2018): An old boyfriend. |                                         |                    |  |
| MeTV     | 33  | 33  | 3           | Love Boat                                                 | M*A*S*H                                                                                 | M*A*S*H                                                      | Columbo: Television executives boss killed.                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                   | Collector                                                  | Honeymnrs                       | Van Dyke                                       | Van Dyke                                |                    |  |
| MSG      | 27  | 87  | 78          | Pre Game                                                  | MLS Soccer Live.                                                                        |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | Shogun Fights                                                          |                                                   | Shogun Fights                                              |                                 | MLS Soccer Replay.                             |                                         |                    |  |
| MSG Plus | 48  | 88  | 80          | Wrld Poker                                                | World Poker Tour                                                                        |                                                              | World Poker Tour                                                                                                                          |                                                                        | WPT Alpha8                                        |                                                            | WPT Alpha8                      |                                                | World Poker Tour                        |                    |  |
| MSNBC    | 14  | 23  | 103         | American                                                  | American Voices with                                                                    |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | Decision 2020                                                          |                                                   |                                                            | Decision 2020                   |                                                | Decision 2020 (R)                       |                    |  |
| MTV      | 20  | 53  | 210         | Ridiculous                                                | Ridiculous                                                                              | Ridiculous                                                   | Ridiculousness (R)                                                                                                                        |                                                                        | Ridiculous                                        | Ridiculous                                                 | Ridiculous                      | Ridiculous                                     | Ridiculous                              | Ridiculous         |  |
| NATGEO   | 65  | 162 | 121         | US Secret                                                 | Air Force One (R)                                                                       |                                                              | Going Viral: From Ebola                                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Virus Hunters                                     |                                                            | (10:01) Breakthrough            |                                                | Virus Hunters (R)                       |                    |  |
| NICK     | 6   | 121 | 252         | Loud House                                                | Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008): Stuck in Africa.                                    |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | Pick President (R)                                                     |                                                   | Friends                                                    |                                 | Friends                                        | Friends                                 | Friends            |  |
| OWN      | 173 | 180 | 145         | Iyanla Fix                                                | 20/20 on OWN (R)                                                                        |                                                              | 20/20 on OWN (R)                                                                                                                          |                                                                        | 20/20 on OWN (R)                                  |                                                            | 20/20 on OWN (R)                |                                                | 20/20 on OWN (R)                        |                    |  |
| PARMT    | 36  | 56  | 54          | Twilight Saga: New Moon                                   | The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010): Edward and Jacob vie for Bella's love. ★★            |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 1 ★★                     |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| SNY      | 26  | 60  | 77          | Boxing                                                    | Jets Post Game Replay.                                                                  |                                                              | Prospects                                                                                                                                 | Prospects                                                              | Broadway Boxing                                   |                                                            |                                 | Sports                                         | Sports                                  |                    |  |
| SYFY     | 17  | 48  | 180         | Harry Potter & Order ★★                                   | Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009): A book may unlock an enemy's past. PG ★★ |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | Futurama                                                               |                                                   |                                                            |                                 |                                                | Futurama                                |                    |  |
| TBS      | 8   | 39  | 52          | Crashers R                                                | The Wedding Ringer (2015): Fake best man. R ★★                                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | Bang                                                                   | Bang                                              | Bang                                                       | Bang                            | Top Secret                                     | Ringer ★★                               |                    |  |
| TCM      | 82  | 41  | 230         | The Prisoner of Second Avenue (1975)                      | Flower Drum Song (1961): Arranged marriage sours in Chinatown.                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | Tamahine (1964): Outlandish girl. NR                       |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| TLC      | 52  | 28  | 139         | 90 Day (R)                                                | 90 Day Fiance (R)                                                                       |                                                              | 90 Day Fiance: The Other Way: Suspicious photos.                                                                                          |                                                                        |                                                   | I Love a Mama's Boy                                        |                                 | 90 Day Fiance                                  |                                         |                    |  |
| TNT      | 3   | 37  | 51          | (6:00) Braven (2018): Family in danger.                   |                                                                                         |                                                              | The Equalizer (2014): Ex-commando tries to save young girl. R ★★                                                                          |                                                                        |                                                   | G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) ★★½                     |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| TVLAND   | 85  | 34  | 241         | Men                                                       | Men                                                                                     | (7:35) Men                                                   | (8:10) Men                                                                                                                                | (8:45) Men                                                             | (9:20) Two and Half Men                           |                                                            | (9:55) Men                      | Men                                            | Men                                     | Men                |  |
| USA      | 16  | 38  | 50          | (6:00) SVU                                                | Law & Order: SVU                                                                        |                                                              | Law & Order: SVU                                                                                                                          |                                                                        | Law & Order: SVU                                  |                                                            | (10:01) Law & Order SVU         |                                                | Family                                  | Family             |  |
| VH1      | 19  | 52  | 217         | CrazySexyCool (2013)                                      | Hustle & Flow (2005): A pimp dreams of being a rapper. R ★★                             |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | Purple Rain (1984): Rival singers. Prince. R ★★½           |                                 |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| WE       | 59  | 42  | 149         | Law & Ord                                                 | Law & Order                                                                             |                                                              | Law & Order                                                                                                                               |                                                                        | Law & Order                                       |                                                            | Law & Order                     |                                                | Law & Order                             |                    |  |
| YES      | 53  | 89  | 76          | MLS Soccer: New York Red Bulls at New York City FC. Live. |                                                                                         |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | Women's College Soccer Replay.                             |                                 | MLS Soccer Replay.                             |                                         |                    |  |
| EPIX     | 595 | 395 | Thor (2011) | (6:55) Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) ★★       |                                                                                         |                                                              | Britannia                                                                                                                                 |                                                                        | Britannia (R)                                     |                                                            | Marvel's The Avengers           |                                                |                                         |                    |  |
| HBO      | 511 | 301 | 400         | Real Time                                                 | (7:20) Black Christmas (2019): A mysterious person. ★                                   |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           | The Undoing                                                            |                                                   | The Undoing (R)                                            |                                 | John Oliver                                    | Undoing (R)                             |                    |  |
| MAX      | 531 | 371 | 420         | Backdraft (1991): Brothers fight fire. ★★                 | The Kingdom (2007): Hunt for terrorist. Jamie Foxx. R                                   |                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                                                   | (9:55) Bordertown (2007) R ★★                              |                                 | Equilibrium                                    |                                         |                    |  |
| SHO      | 551 | 321 | 365         | The Circus                                                | The Good Lord Bird (R)                                                                  |                                                              | The Circus                                                                                                                                | President                                                              | The Good Lord Bird                                |                                                            | The Comedy Store                |                                                | DESUS &                                 | The Circus         |  |

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TV

# 8 THINGS TO WATCH THIS WEEK

YouTube cooking show is surprise hit during pandemic

## TASTING HISTORY YouTube

**M**AX Miller is cooking on all cylinders.

When he was furloughed from his film distribution job at Walt Disney Studios, due to COVID, Miller decided to pursue his recent passion: food. That resulted in "Tasting History," his popular YouTube channel that explores international cuisine — and the history behind it.

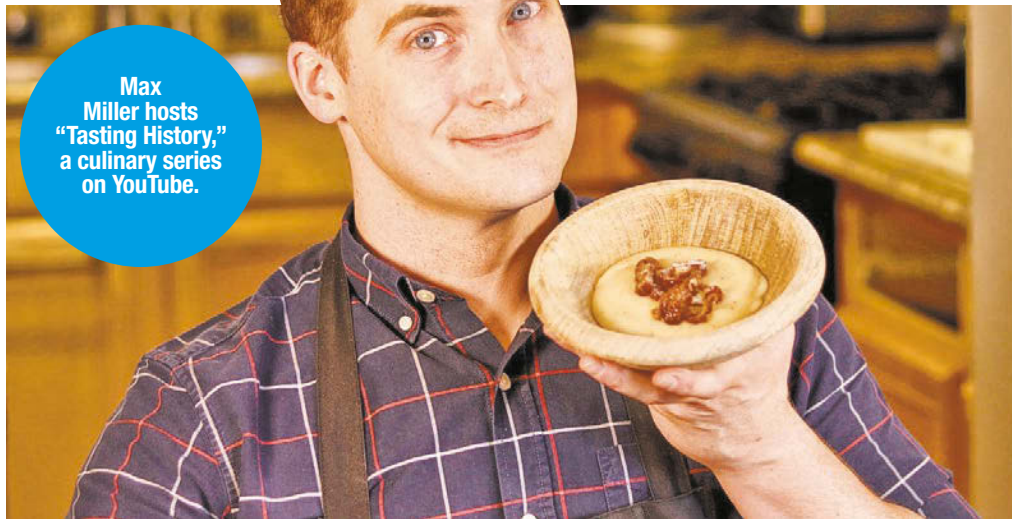
Miller, 37, answered some questions about "Tasting History" and about turning his idea into a series.

### When did you first realize you had a keen interest in food and its historical context?

Relatively recently, actually. Until six years ago, I'd never even boiled an egg. Then, I binged a season of "The Great British Bake Off" and I was inspired to try my hand at some of the things they were baking. I went from never touching an oven straight to baking a Battenberg Cake — and rather successfully, if I might say.

### Do you have a favorite culinary style or era?

Max Miller hosts "Tasting History," a culinary series on YouTube.



## HE'S DISHING

Definitely the Edwardian Era. During that first decade of the 20th century, chefs from France, England and America were in a battle to outdo each other with outrageous creations. Photos of the dinner tables of the Rockefellers or the British Royal Family from the time would astound anyone today — and many of the decadent pastries one might see in a French patisserie today come out of this era.

### How did your passion develop into "Tasting History"?

The idea actually came from a friend at work. I had been bringing in my historical cooking for a long time when, at last year's Christmas party, she suggested I film myself making them and discussing the history. I didn't even see it as a series or really get ramped up making episodes until quarantine, when I found myself in need of something to occupy my time. YouTube

is a great equalizer. Whether you're a show with a full crew or just a guy in his tiny kitchen with a cheap camera, everyone starts with 0 views and has to grow from there.

### What are your influences?

The teaching styles of both Alton Brown on "Good Eats" and Bill Nye on his PBS show in the '90s — more through stories and interesting tidbits rather than pure facts and figures. I also give a lot of credit

to Sue Perkins and Mel Giedroyc who used to host "The Great British Bake Off." When they talked about food history on the show, they did so through wit and wicked puns.

### How much research goes into a typical episode?

It can vary wildly. With most European dishes, where I have a lot of knowledge going into the subject, I'd say there's between 10 and 15 hours of research done before I start writing a script. But when I cover a topic I'm less familiar with... I can spend 40 or 50 hours doing research for a 15-minute episode. What takes the longest is finding primary sources. While history books are a great place to start, I like delivering quotes from actual historical figures whenever possible.

### Tell me about your new holiday-themed episodes

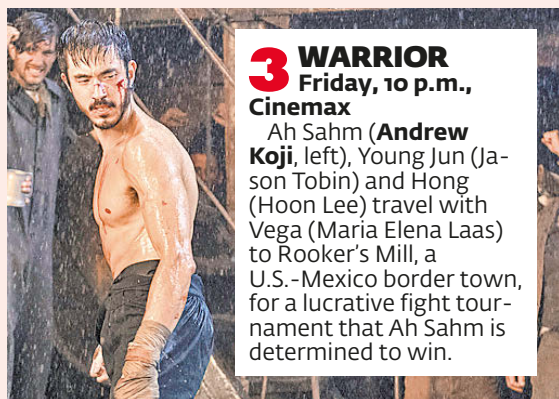
I plan on covering a 17th century pumpkin pie quite unlike the one that you might find on your Thanksgiving table, but just as delicious. I'm also going to show people how to make George Washington's recipe for eggnog as well as a Medieval gingerbread. Then the piece de resistance will be a Victorian Christmas Pudding — perhaps the trickiest dish I've ever made.

— Michael Starr

## 2 DYING TO BE FAMOUS: THE RYAN SINGLETON MYSTERY

Sunday, 9 p.m., Bounce

This true-crime docuseries chronicles the strange death of Ryan Singleton, a 24-year-old aspiring model and film producer whose dreams of stardom turn into a tragic nightmare when he's found dead in the Mojave Desert — his body mutilated and missing all of its vital organs.



## 3 WARRIOR

Friday, 10 p.m., Cinemax

Ah Sahm (Andrew Koji, left), Young Jun (Jason Tobin) and Hong (Hoon Lee) travel with Vega (Maria Elena Laas) to Rooker's Mill, a U.S.-Mexico border town, for a lucrative fight tournament that Ah Sahm is determined to win.

## 4 THE GOOD DOCTOR

Monday, 10 p.m., ABC

In part one of the two-part season premiere, Dr. Shaun Murphy (Freddie Highmore) treats a patient with an illness that's unpredictable and unprecedented — while Dr. Park (Will Yun Lee) prepares to move back to Phoenix to be closer to his family.

## 5 FILTHY RICH

Monday, 9 p.m., Fox

Ginger (Melia Kreiling, inset) tries to leverage the tape of her kidnapping with



Luke to bring down the men of 18:22. Margaret (Kim Cattrall) searches for a new factory to produce her perfume line because no one wants to do business with her.

## 6 THE ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME 2020

Saturday, 8 p.m., HBO and HBO MAX

This year's ceremony, originally slated for May 2 but postponed due to the pandemic, will take the form of a special honoring this year's inductees: Depeche Mode, The Doobie Brothers, Whitney Houston, Nine Inch Nails, The Notorious B.I.G. and T-Rex.

## 7 YOUNG SHELDON

Thursday, 8 p.m., CBS

In the season premiere, Sheldon (Iain Armitage, right) graduates from high school — but realizes he might not be ready for college, resulting in an emotional breakdown. Dale (Craig T. Nelson) tries to mend fences with Meemaw (Annie Potts).



## 8 I CAN SEE YOUR VOICE

Wednesday, 9 p.m., Fox

Donny Osmond (inset), Bob Saget and Fionnuala Mitchell guest-star as they create musical



collaborations that will either impress or result in a train wreck. With judges Cheryl Hines, Adrienne Houghton and series host Ken Jeong.



Sally Brompton



Daily Horoscope

**♏ SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)  
If you don't feel much like socializing then don't force yourself. This could be one of those weeks when even if you put a lot of effort into having fun with friends your heart just won't be in it. Do yourself (and them) a favor and stay home!

**♐ SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
Before you criticize other people for getting their facts wrong make sure you know what you are talking about yourself. If it turns out later that your accusations were wide of the mark it won't look good, or do much for your reputation.

**♑ CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
You will have to deal with someone over the next few days who, to say the least, is not your biggest fan. Don't go out of your way to impress them but make sure you know what you are doing so they don't get the chance to attack you.

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**♊ AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
There will be times this week when you get the impression that certain people are being deliberately obstructive, but getting angry about it is not the answer. Put on an act and make it seem as if you have never been happier - that will really annoy them!

**♋ PISCES**  
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)  
If you rush into something you are not prepared for the consequences could be dire, so take your time and get it right. Which begs the question: do you need to do it at all? Is it something you want to do or something others expect of you?

**♈ ARIES**  
(March 21-April 20)  
You are the sort of person who enjoys a challenge and what

occurs over the next few days will give you something to get your teeth into. But is it as important as you think it is? Probably not, so don't use up all your time and energy on it.

**♉ TAURUS**  
(April 21-May 21)  
You won't be much in the mood for work this week, so don't force yourself to do things that don't really interest you. So-called "urgent" tasks are probably nothing of the kind, so feel free to put them off until another time - or no time at all.

**♊ GEMINI**  
(May 22-June 21)  
You feel as if you could conquer the world single-handed but with your ruling planet Mercury at odds with Saturn you may find your plans don't run as smoothly as you expected. Maybe you should try conquering your own

wayward mind first!

**♋ CANCER**  
(June 22-July 23)  
If you find yourself pulled between conflicting obligations this week it could be a trying experience. You would, of course, like to please both parties involved but the planets warn that won't be possible. Make your choice, then keep your head down!

**♌ LEO**  
(July 24-Aug. 23)  
It would be easy to lose patience with a friend who can't seem to make up their mind about something but it would also be a waste of time, so stay calm and let the situation work itself out. They are who they are and you won't change that.

**♍ VIRGO**  
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

A sob story of some kind is sure to move you but don't be too eager to reach for your purse. The planets warn that what you are being asked to believe is actually far from the truth, so do some research before you hand over any cash.

**♎ LIBRA**  
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)  
Try not to give other people the impression that you don't care about anyone's needs but your own. It's not true, of course, but you have been a bit standoffish of late and maybe they think you have no time for them any more. Show them you have.

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
A Mercury-Saturn link on your birthday means you will need to plan everything you do with extra care over the coming year. If you rush what you do you won't get far, but a more thoughtful approach could take you all the way to your goal.

Sunday Break puzzles answers

**Sunday Crossword**

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| SLEUTH | DIEGO   | TESLA      |        |
| REEL   | YOOHOO  | COWLS      |        |
| OSCAR  | MAYER   | NEWSJUNKIE |        |
| RCA    | SNORER  | RETEE      | EVE    |
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| SKIT   | INSYNG  | FAM        | PLANO  |
| IAM    | LEVEE   | ETONIC     | MEN    |
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| HOTEL  | TAHOMA  | ALOE       |        |
| ADAGE  | AURAS   | LILACS     |        |
| TULANE | BANG    | DAN        | LANAI  |
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**Su Doku**

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**Su Doku**

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**Super Su Doku**

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**Jumble**

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**Sunday Word Force**

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Wonderword answer: CLOSENESS



## THE WEEK'S WINNERS



### JONAH PERETTI

The BuzzFeed chief announced the digital-media property broke even for the first time in six years.

### JOCHEN ZEITZ

The CEO of Harley-Davidson saw his firm's shares rev up 22 percent on higher profits.

### ELON MUSK

The Tesla boss got another portion of his \$50 billion performance-based compensation deal after a fifth straight quarter of profitability.

## LOSERS



### JACK DORSEY

A day after taking a drubbing from Sen. Ted Cruz over Twitter's censorship of The Post, his firm's shares dropped more than 20 percent on an iffy profit outlook.

### LEON BLACK

The head of Apollo Global Management admitted it was a "mistake" to do biz with convicted perv Jeffrey Epstein.

### BRIAN GOLDNER

The Hasbro CEO saw shares tank over 10 percent on delays of movies with toy tie-ins.

# 'SMART' MONEY?

## Don't trust banking behemoths' elix predix

### CHARLES GASPARINO



WITH Joe Biden up in the polls, pre-election positions should be easy. Load up the truck on shares of any company that can benefit from his embrace of the Green New Deal, like solar-panel companies. Sell Treasuries because Biden's spending plan looks like President Trump's — only on steroids.

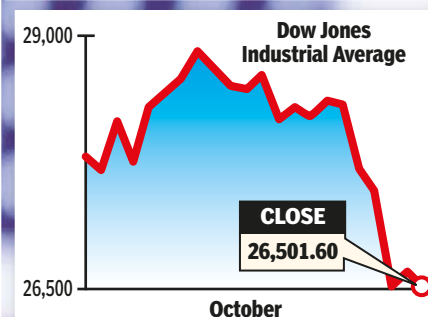
Also, buy stocks. If you think Trump was good for the markets over the past four years, Biden's planned \$2 trillion spending spree as he gets into office will turbocharge markets like never before, the Wall Street experts say.

And yet look closely, and solar-company stocks have risen over the past year but they aren't shooting to the moon. Yields on Treasury bonds aren't spiking wildly. And the stock market appears to be in a panic.

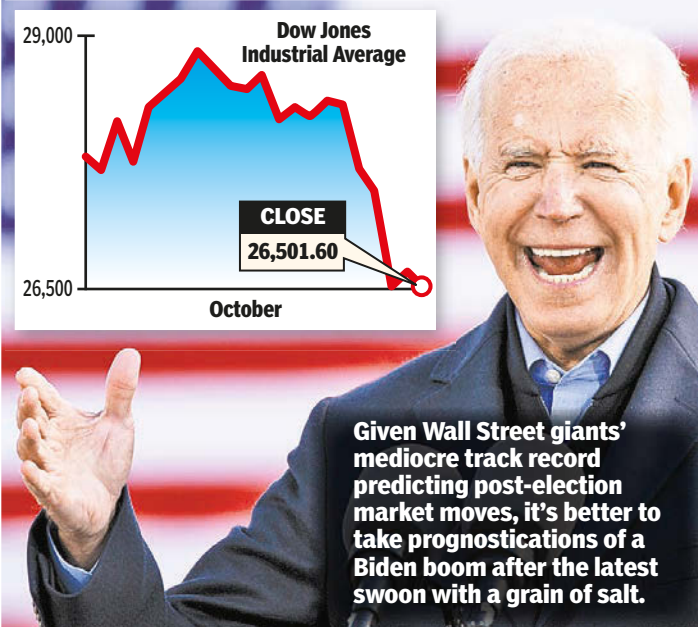
There are a couple of reasons for this. Some traders say investors are finally pricing in all those new taxes Biden is planning, or that Biden's poll numbers in battleground states are shakier than the consensus indicates. Or maybe Trump will come close enough to contest the election, sending stocks into a tizzy of uncertainty for weeks after Election Day.

The confusion of the smart-money crowd tells us something about Wall Street. The geniuses who

### Time to 'stock' up?



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**Given Wall Street giants' mediocre track record predicting post-election market moves, it's better to take prognostications of a Biden boom after the latest swoon with a grain of salt.**

run the big banks and financial firms and too often dominate economic commentary have never been that smart, and probably shouldn't be trusted to either predict the election or how good (or bad) things will get whoever is elected.

One reason I know this: The behind-the-scenes confusion I'm witnessing among major traders. Wall Street cares a lot about the presidential election and not just because it impacts their tax bills. They trade on the impact the likely winner will have on stocks, which is exactly what they're doing now, fever-

ishly, as we get close to Tuesday.

Several top players in the business over the past few days have called me, of all people, for a read on the presidential polls because they're trading blindly on this one.

"My clients are mostly split," said one adviser to major hedge funds. "About 60 percent of them think it's Biden's to lose, but the rest say they're betting on Trump."

The other reason to always suspect Wall Street wisdom is its lousy track record. Moody Investors Service recently made some news predicting that a Biden victory would

be great for the economy.

Forget about his tax increases, new regulations, likely fracking bans, or having a socialist like AOC giving Biden tips on the economy. The smart dudes at Moody's said Biden's big spending plans would cancel any negative impact of his tax hikes.

But since when is a government-controlled economy more efficient than the one we have now, where pre-COVID unemployment was at record low levels, and working-class people started seeing wage increases for the first time in years?

Another question: When was the last time Moody's gave investors fair warning to any major financial event? The 2008 banking crisis? Nope. The dot-com bubble bursting in 2000? Nope.

Go back in history and you'll see that for every one Moody's gets right, they get a lot more wrong.

I don't want to pick on Moody's because it's an easy target. The mighty Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs (another Biden-economy booster) is less obvious but just as qualified for an award. Recall: Its former CEO touted the end of the 2008 financial crisis before it really began, leading to Goldman needing a government bailout to survive.

The point is when you see left-leaning TV pundits praising Moody's for its Biden analysis, remember it's mostly devoid of context. And based on its record (and settlements totaling almost \$7 billion for its role in the IMDB scandal), Goldman should probably stick to banking and stop making predictions that can sway a presidential election.

# Bezos buying CNN? We don't 'C' it

LAST week, Wall Street media bankers were buzzing about CNN, but it had nothing to do with something Chris Cuomo did or said. The talk in banking circles was that Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos — the world's richest man — wanted to buy CNN from its parent company, AT&T. AT&T is struggling with

debt and an odd cultural fit with the news channel; it's run by some pretty conservative dudes in Dallas. So the deal made sense. Bezos has the money to buy how many billions CNN would cost, and he has a nascent media empire since he also owns, personally, The Washington Post.

If old media is your hobby, why wouldn't a col-

lector like Bezos just add to his collection?

When I broke the deal-speculation story, some of the biggest cheers came from my friends at CNN, who can't stand the stodgy white dudes they have to call boss. That's particularly true now that the network's chief, Jeff Zucker, could soon be leaving (his future there, as described

by a friend of his, is "50-50") and CNN is facing cost cutting from the bean counters in Texas, which might mean layoffs.

Sorry to disappoint you, guys. While the deal makes sense on paper, a person close to Bezos tells me he has no interest, at least not yet. Maybe he's waiting for a new president to approve the purchase, since the cur-

rent one hates him so much. (Trump refers to him as "Jeff Bozo" for WaPo's negative coverage of the administration.) Or maybe Bezos wants to add a few more dollars to his estimated net worth of \$187 billion before making his move.

Bottom line, CNNers: Those stodgy white dudes in Dallas will be your boss for some time.



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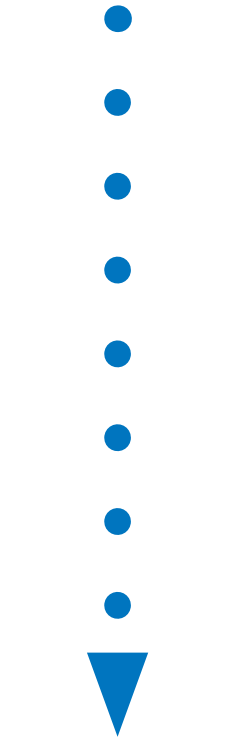
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# Belmont

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Lock of the Day

Black N Tan (1st)  
Lock Record: 14 for 26 (54%)  
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## 1 6 1/2 fur; \$48,000; mdn c1m(\$50,000); 2YO

Closing day at Belmont. Aqueduct is open for live racing Friday...Asmusens **BLACK N TAN** (Monmouth), Weavers **SINASHACK** and Martins **CENTAVO** were all outrun in their openers. Strongest fig draws Irad to West Points Black n Tan.

| PN | Horse Wt.               | Jockey      | Last 3 | Trainer  | Odds |
|----|-------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|------|
| 1  | Stretch the Truth ,119  | D Davis     | 11-9-x | Barker   | 15-1 |
| 2  | Sinashack ,119          | E Cancel    | 8-x-x  | Weaver   | 5-2  |
| 3  | Centavo ,112            | L Cardenas  | 4-x-x  | C Martin | 8-1  |
| 4  | K T's Jilted Groom ,119 | J Rosario   | x-x-x  | Potts    | 4-1  |
| 5  | Black 'n Tan ,119       | I Ortiz, Jr | 9-x-x  | Asmusen  | 8-5  |
| 6  | Dancin Act ,119         | B Hernandez | x-x-x  | Persaud  | 20-1 |
| 7  | Ghost Stalker ,119      | L Saez      | 9-x-x  | Weaver   | 9-2  |

## 2 1 1/16 miles(T); \$72,000; alw; 3up(f)

Back-to-back come from behind victories for **TIMELESS JOURNEY** at the Spa. Three-peats for Clement, same distance. **COURAGEOUS GIRL** MTO. Runnerup both starts at this distance. **PANDAMOM** runs for Clement as well. Placed 2nd this level/distance at 17-1, last grass start. **KILKEA** was held off by 1 1/2 lengths racing a mile. Extra 1/16 a plus. **AMOS** picked up her 2nd win; 1st on turf; at Monmouth. Beat only 3/4 at this upper level here in July.

| PN | Horse Wt.                 | Jockey      | Last 3 | Trainer    | Odds |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|
| 1  | Corey Scores(L),122       | I Ortiz, Jr | 4-7-3  | Rice       | 9-2  |
| 2  | Pandamom(L),121           | J Alvarado  | 3-2-7  | Clement    | 4-1  |
| 3  | Mebs Web(L),119           | Rider TBA   | 1-2-2  | Zito       | 12-1 |
| 4  | Dancing Slippers(L),124   | Rider TBA   | 1-1-6  | Davis      | 8-1  |
| 5  | Ifihadachance(L),124      | I Ortiz, Jr | 2-4-1  | Donk       | 10-1 |
| 6  | Two Cent Tootsie(L),122   | L Saez      | 1-6-5  | Albertrani | 12-1 |
| 7  | Della Lute(L),121         | B Hernandez | 1-4-6  | Goodwin    | 50-1 |
| 8  | Courageous Girl(L),121    | M Franco    | 6-4-4  | Donk       | 8-5  |
| 9  | Timeless Journey(L),119   | J Rosario   | 1-1-6  | Clement    | 2-1  |
| 10 | Amos(L),124               | E Cancel    | 1-5-2  | Potts      | 6-1  |
| 11 | Pioneerof New York(L),122 | M Franco    | 2-2-3  | Dini       | 12-1 |
| 12 | Kilkea(L),121             | J Lezcano   | 2-1-2  | Hennig     | 3-1  |

## 3 1 1/16 miles(T); \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Look for Motts **REINA DEL SOL** to rise 2nd time around. Debuted 3rd this distance upstate. Choice over **CADECNIA**. Came up a neck short after leading late debuting at a mile. Saez rides for Pletcher. **WOW** Wow indeed. Finished a surprising 2nd at 45-1 in her opener. Klaravichs **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS** (Brown/Irad) and Bobby Flays **IRISH CRUSH** (Clement/Rosario) make career debuts. Both fillies bred in Ireland.

| PN | Horse Wt.               | Jockey       | Last 3 | Trainer       | Odds |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|--------|---------------|------|
| 1  | Triple Digit ,119       | J Castellano | 6-5-4  | Allard        | 20-1 |
| 2  | My Second Chance ,119   | M Franco     | 7-x-x  | Sacco         | 30-1 |
| 3  | Wow ,119                | E Cancel     | 2-x-x  | Hennig        | 6-1  |
| 4  | Cadencia ,119           | L Saez       | 2-x-x  | Pletcher      | 3-1  |
| 5  | Island Treasure ,119    | J Lezcano    | 10-x-x | McGaughey III | 20-1 |
| 6  | Frankel At Ascot ,119   | D Davis      | 7-7-3  | Casse         | 8-1  |
| 7  | Technical Analysis ,119 | I Ortiz, Jr  | x-x-x  | C Brown       | 7-2  |
| 8  | Miss Empirement ,119    | J Velazquez  | x-x-x  | Kimmel        | 15-1 |
| 9  | Irish Crush ,119        | J Rosario    | x-x-x  | Clement       | 8-1  |
| 10 | Never Content ,119      | J Ortiz      | x-x-x  | Maker         | 10-1 |
| 11 | Fool Yourself ,119      | K Carmouche  | x-x-x  | Saville       | 30-1 |
| 12 | Reina Del Sol ,119      | J Alvarado   | 3-x-x  | Mott          | 6-1  |
| 13 | Single Soul ,119        | J Castellano | x-x-x  | C Brown       | 8-1  |
| 14 | Lightfoot Miss ,119     | J Alvarado   | 2-5-x  | Mott          | 12-1 |
| 15 | Palm Court ,119         | K Carmouche  | 8-x-x  | Maker         | 15-1 |
| 16 | Tekila ,119             | J Lezcano    | x-x-x  | Hennig        | 4-1  |

## 4 6 fur; \$28,000; c1m(\$16,000); 3up(f)

Mandatory Pick 6 payout. **PRINCESS IN CHARGE** just missed racing similar in January. Another try off the layoff for Rice. May need a race. If so **SHES A BLACK BELT** moves forward. 3rd best last pair, latest at Pimlico. Gets Franco back. **LA NEGRITA** (3rd) and **QUEENDOM** (2nd) here weeks ago. La Negrita was 2nd, in front of Shes a Black Belt, in her previous start

and gets a rider change to Saez.

| PN | Horse Wt.                 | Jockey      | Last 3 | Trainer    | Odds |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|
| 1  | La Negrita(L),120         | L Saez      | 3-2-2  | Rodriguez  | 6-1  |
| 2  | Princess in Charge(L),121 | J Lezcano   | 2-3-5  | Rice       | 6-1  |
| 3  | Cruising Strong(L),118    | K Carmouche | 7-2-1  | Cox        | 10-1 |
| 4  | All Over the Map(L),118   | J Rosario   | 8-7-7  | Handal     | 12-1 |
| 5  | Shannon's Girl(L),123     | D Davis     | 11-5-4 | Sciaccia   | 8-1  |
| 6  | Dazzling Speed(L),121     | H Harkie    | 5-2-5  | Mc Allen   | 30-1 |
| 7  | She's a Black Belt(L),121 | M Franco    | 3-3-4  | Nevin      | 7-2  |
| 8  | Queendom(L),121           | E Cancel    | 2-5-3  | C Martin   | 9-2  |
| 9  | Charlotte Webley(L),120   | I Ortiz, Jr | 6-1-2  | Englehart  | 5-1  |
| 10 | Handle With Care(L),121   | B Hernandez | 1-3-5  | Kantarmaci | 12-1 |
| 11 | Saahrini(L),121           | M Luzzi     | 10-6-7 | Sciaccia   | 30-1 |

## 5 1 mile; \$70,000; mdn; 2YO

More two-year-olds. **SKIPPINGANDAJUMPIN** skipped home 6th at 19-1 in a quiet debut. Breen stretches the Bustin Stones colt to a mile; gets Saez to ride. Value play over **WORK OUT** who has been 2nd best twice, and about 10 lengths better than top pick. Irad rides 1st time starter **POLPIS**, a son of Orb, for Thomas. **BREW PUB** led, settled for 3rd lone dirt start. Dangerous retreating to a mile.

| PN | Horse Wt.               | Jockey       | Last 3 | Trainer   | Odds |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|--------|-----------|------|
| 1  | Mindfreak ,119          | K Carmouche  | 7-x-x  | Maker     | 10-1 |
| 2  | Polpis ,119             | I Ortiz, Jr  | x-x-x  | Thomas    | 4-1  |
| 3  | Tom's Choice ,119       | J Castellano | 10-9-8 | Morley    | 15-1 |
| 4  | Work Out ,119           | J Ortiz      | 2-2-x  | Gyarmati  | 9-5  |
| 5  | Right On Q ,119         | J Martinez   | 8-x-x  | Milne     | 20-1 |
| 6  | Re Created ,119         | J Lezcano    | 7-x-x  | Schosberg | 10-1 |
| 7  | Brew Pub ,119           | D Davis      | 4-3-2  | Kobiskie  | 5-2  |
| 8  | Skippingandajumpin ,119 | L Saez       | 6-x-x  | Breen     | 6-1  |

## 6 1 1/16m(T); \$38,000; c1m(\$30,000); 3up

**RECKLESS SPIRIT** Troubled trip left him 4 lengths short at Saratoga. About 2 lengths shy at Belmont 2 back. Saez stays on, so do we. **STANHOPE** showed the way, ran out of gas this distance. Moves lower for Cox; Castellano subs for Saez. **BARLEEWON** was 3rd, **BEACHSIDE** 2nd, separated by a photo in their latest. Beachside is 0 for 4 on grass.

| PN | Horse Wt.                 | Jockey       | Last 3 | Trainer      | Odds |
|----|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|------|
| 1  | Freedom and Whisky(L),124 | B Hernandez  | 7-7-1  | Summers      | 12-1 |
| 2  | Mitzrayim(L),121          | E Cancel     | 7-4-1  | Hennig       | 8-1  |
| 3  | Barleewon(L),121          | J Velazquez  | 3-6-10 | Stidham      | 5-1  |
| 4  | Stanhope(L),119           | J Castellano | 6-11-1 | Cox          | 3-1  |
| 5  | Rightdowngentlemen(L),122 | M Luzzi      | 9-4-1  | B Brown      | 50-1 |
| 6  | Super Wicked Charm(L),114 | L Cardenas   | 2-3-8  | Jones        | 30-1 |
| 7  | Shootin the Breeze(L),122 | D Davis      | 7-6-4  | Cannizzo     | 10-1 |
| 8  | Beachside(L),122          | M Franco     | 2-9-5  | Donk         | 8-1  |
| 9  | One Eyed Jack(L),124      | I Ortiz, Jr  | 5-1-4  | Pletcher     | 6-1  |
| 10 | Thenorthremembers(L),124  | J Alvarado   | 3-9-11 | Schettino    | 15-1 |
| 11 | Joy City(L),122           | K Carmouche  | 6-10-5 | Baker        | 20-1 |
| 12 | Reckless Spirit(L),119    | L Saez       | 6-5-2  | Bond         | 9-2  |
| 13 | McElmore Avenue(L),119    | J Lezcano    | 2-8-3  | Russell      | 8-1  |
| 14 | Scotty Brown(L),124       | J Lezcano    | 8-4-1  | Terranova II | 10-1 |
| 15 | Beta(L),119               | Rider TBA    | 3-1-3  | Ferraro      | 10-1 |
| 16 | I Saw It All(L),122       | Rider TBA    | 9-7-5  | Ferraro      | 15-1 |

## 7 7 fur; \$80,000; Pumpkin Pie; 3up(f)

Evenly matched field of 6 vie for the Pumpkin Pie. **PACIFIC GALE** is 0 or 13 over the last 2 years but moves off graded company for Kimmel. Ran 3rd in a 100k and Vagrancy here in June. Johnny V at a price. **ALISIO** makes stakes debut after 10 months rest. Won back to back at Big A prior to the break, earning a triple digit Beyer. **HONOR WAY** ran 2nd to runaway winner Franks Rockette in Gallant Bloom. Board hitter 8 of 9 at Belmont. **NEVER ENOUGH TIME** makes NY debut after a pair of stake wins, latest at Pimlico.

| PN | Horse Wt.           | Jockey      | Last 3 | Trainer  | Odds |
|----|---------------------|-------------|--------|----------|------|
| 1  | Bronx Beauty(L),124 | M Franco    | 2-1-3  | Margotta | 4-1  |
| 2  | Pacific Gale(L),122 | J Velazquez | 5-7-2  | Kimmel   | 8-1  |

|   |                          |              |       |           |     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|-------|-----------|-----|
| 3 | Alisio(L),122            | J Lezcano    | 1-1-2 | Mott      | 5-2 |
| 4 | Honor Way(L),124         | J Ortiz      | 2-2-1 | Baker     | 3-1 |
| 5 | Gotham Gala(L),122       | J Castellano | 5-2-7 | Delacour  | 9-2 |
| 6 | Never Enough Time(L),124 | L Saez       | 1-1-2 | Trombetta | 3-1 |

## 8 1 1/16 miles(T); \$80,000; Chelsey Flower; 2YO(f)

Last stake of the meet. **CALDEE** went to the Ms Grillo off an impressive maiden breaker and settled for 2nd money after playing pacesetter. The 1 to catch again. **AMERICAN WEST** MTO. Won at 1st asking. Advances to a stake for Chad Brown. J Ortiz will ride her or barnmate **INGRASSIA**. She was a 1st out winner as well. Closed from well back to get 3rd in the grade 2 Jessamine next out. **LOVESTUCK** (this distance) and **OYSTER BOX** (sprint) rallied to score their debuts and will also be on the scene, late stages.

| PN | Horse Wt.              | Jockey       | Last 3 | Trainer | Odds |
|----|------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|------|
| 1  | Psychic Ability ,120   | J Lezcano    | 1-7-3  | Sacco   | 20-1 |
| 2  | Oyster Box ,120        | J Velazquez  | 1-x-x  | Motion  | 8-1  |
| 3  | Zeyaraat ,120          | K Carmouche  | 4-1-x  | Pino    | 15-1 |
| 4  | Ingrassia ,120         | J Ortiz      | 3-1-x  | C Brown | 4-1  |
| 5  | Jocular ,120           | L Saez       | 1-5-6  | Morley  | 30-1 |
| 6  | Mischievous Dream ,122 | J Rosario    | 2-1-4  | Clement | 10-1 |
| 7  | Caldee ,120            | J Castellano | 2-1-5  | Cox     | 5-2  |
| 8  | Fluffy Socks ,122      | I Ortiz, Jr  | 1-1-5  | C Brown | 6-1  |
| 9  | Golden Voice ,120      | M Franco     | 5-1-3  | Maker   | 20-1 |
| 10 | Lovestruck ,120        | J Alvarado   | 1-x-x  | Mott    | 7-2  |
| 11 | Tic Tic Tic Boom ,118  | D Davis      | 3-3-6  | Bedard  | 20-1 |
| 12 | American West ,120     | J Ortiz      | 1-x-x  | C Brown | 8-5  |

## 9 6 fur; \$72,000; alw; 3up(f)

**FLASHPACKINBARBIE** Clear 2nd this distance at Spa. **BANKERS DAUGHTER** beat **IMPAZIBLE DONNA** upstate. Bankers Daughter missed by a head here next out. Impazible Donna broke her maiden next out. **HONEY MONEY** returns for Rice. Graduated handily at Aqueduct in March.

| PN | Horse Wt.                | Jockey      | Last 3 | Trainer    | Odds |
|----|--------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|
| 1  | Hardstonemelody(L),123   | J Rosario   | 2-1-6  | Schosberg  | 20-1 |
| 2  | Shesasuperfreak ,123     | I Ortiz, Jr | 11-6-3 | R Klesaris | 10-1 |
| 3  | City Temper(L),118       | K Carmouche | 8-1-1  | Abreu      | 12-1 |
| 4  | Bankers Daughter(L),120  | D Davis     | 2-1-2  | Miceli     | 4-1  |
| 5  | Hannah Dances(L),120     | E Cancel    | 2-1-1  | Conway     | 20-1 |
| 6  | Miss Jimmy(L),123        | M Luzzi     | 5-1-2  | Anderson   | 12-1 |
| 7  | Impazible Donna(L),120   | J Ortiz     | 1-2-2  | Levine     | 5-1  |
| 8  | Flashpackinbarbie(L),123 | M Franco    | 4-2-1  | Abreu      | 7-2  |
| 9  | Wailin Josie(L),121      | H Harkie    | 9-5-7  | S Jenkins  | 20-1 |
| 10 | Ruvies in Time(L),121    | L Saez      | 1-7-5  | Schosberg  | 8-1  |
| 11 | Honey Money(L),120       | J Lezcano   | 1-2-x  | Rice       | 6-1  |
| 12 | Fair Lassie(L),121       | J Martinez  | 1-5-3  | Barker     | 15-1 |

## PLAY OF THE DAY

'Cause two out of three ain't bad. ... Liams Missy (\$3.80) won like a 4-5 shot should. Then Step Dancer (\$16.00) danced along the hedge and won the Awad. Silent Empress didn't hold up her end of the bargain, tiring badly in the nightcap. Profit on the day: \$45.

Race 1: Chance to close out the meet in the black. Black N Tan meets a suspect field and should graduate. \$30 to win.

Race 7: Pacific Gale may be the longest shot on the board in an evenly matched Pumpkin Pie. \$4 across the board. — Vic Cangialosi

# Less work doesn't faze Gore

By BRIAN COSTELLO

It is not good to be a 37-year-old on a team that is turning to its young players, but that is where Jets running back Frank Gore finds himself.

At 0-7, the Jets are trying to get their rookies more involved. That has meant more reps for fourth-round pick La'Mical Perine at running back and less for Gore. Last week against Buffalo, Gore saw his playing time drop to 28 percent of the offensive snaps. He played just 16 plays. Gore still ran the ball 11 times for 60 yards, his best yard per carry average of the season.

## JETS NOTES

The veteran has been through this before. As a member of the Bills last season, Gore saw his role decrease in the second half of the year as Buffalo played rookie Devin Singletary more. Gore said his approach won't change as his role decreases.

"Just continue to be me," Gore said. "Whenever my number gets called, I try to go out there and make plays."

➤ There is a lot of focus on the Chiefs offense, but their defense has some studs, too. Defensive tackle **Chris Jones** is one of the best players in football and presents a huge challenge for the Jets' struggling offensive line.

"It's one of those tough ones of, 'How do you stop this guy?' He's been phenomenal, really since he's got in the league," Jets coach **Adam Gase** said of Jones. "Just big, fast, his instincts are unbelievable. He just seems to know the right time to do all his moves."

➤ The Jets made several roster moves Saturday. They signed kicker **Sergio Castillo** off the practice squad with **Sam Ficken** (groin) expected to miss Sunday's game. They placed safety **Bradley McDougald** (shoulder) on IR. They activated CB **Arthur Maulet** off of IR. They elevated LB **Bryce Hager** and WR **Jaleel Scott** off the practice squad. They ruled OL **Cameron Clark** out with an illness.

## Belmont Results

**FIRST-6 fur; \$28,000; c1m(\$16,000); 3up**  
2 Brillnt Broks (Cncl) 6.70 4.00 3.30  
7 Starship Bubba (Ortiz Jr.) 5.50 4.30  
4 Shandian (Rosario) 3.50  
Scr: Bank Gala.

● \$1 Exacta (2-7) \$18.30 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-7-4-1) \$21.10 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-7-4) \$27.50

### SECOND-1 1/16 milesT; \$55,000; alw; 3upf

3 Toned Up (Saez) 20.20 8.20 4.90  
8 Magnétique (Carmouche) 9.00 4.40  
13 Let's Me Have It (Ortiz Jr.) 3.20  
Scr: More Mango, Princess Fawzia, Candy Flower, Kemba, R V Treasure, Corey Scores, La Piu Bella.  
● \$1 Daily Double (2-3) \$46.50 ● \$1 Exacta (3-8) \$81.00 ● \$1 Quinella (3-8) \$45.50 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (3-8-13-12) \$298.45 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (3-8-13) \$135.75

### THIRD-7 fur; \$80,000; mdn; 3up

6 Th Sound (Cstlino) 3.50 2.70 2.10  
5 Instinctv Rhythm (Frnco) 7.10 3.20

1 a-Risk Profile (Ortiz,Jr.) 2.10  
Scr: Per Diem.  
● \$1 Pick 3 (3-2-6) 3 Correct \$68.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (3-6) \$21.90 ● \$1 Exacta (6-5) \$8.90 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-5-1-4) \$2.65 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-5-1) \$9.55

### Winner picked by Vic C

**FOURTH-1 mile(T); \$82,000; alw; 3up**  
6 Kumar (Alvarado) 7.90 4.80 3.10  
3 Singapore Trder (Lezcano) 4.50 3.30  
1 Milton the Monster (Crmouch) 6.60  
Scr: Lomu, Made My Day, Graded On a Curve, Yes and Yes, Old Dominion.  
● \$1 Pick 3 (3-6-6) 3 Correct \$84.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (6-6) \$7.40 ● \$1 Exacta (6-3) \$18.20 ● \$1 Quinella (3-6) \$9.40 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-3-1-4) \$58.75 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-3-1) \$89.12

### FIFTH-7 fur; \$80,000; mdn; 3YO(f)

3 Lam's Mssy (Davs) 3.80 2.30 2.10  
2 White Frost (Alvarado) 2.60 2.20

1 Treasure Lane (Ortiz) 2.50  
Scr: Journeytothemoon.  
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-6-3) 3 Correct \$14.60 ● \$1 Cons Pick 3 (6-6-6) 3 Correct \$7.00 ● \$1 Cons Double (6-6) \$4.10 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (3-2-1) \$3.35 ● \$1 Double (6-3) \$8.20 ● \$1 Exacta (3-2) \$3.45 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (3-2-1-7) \$2.22

### Exacta picked by Vic C (Lock)

### SIXTH-1 1/2 milesT; \$80,000; Zagora; 3upf

6 Luck Morny (Cstlin) 17.80 8.10 4.80  
9 Hungry Kitten (Ortiz) 5.20 3.40  
2 Mutamakina (Rosario) 3.40

● \$1 Pick 3 (6-3-6) 3 Correct \$72.25 ● \$1 Consolation Pick 3 (6-6-6) 3 Correct \$41.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (3-6) \$16.60 ● \$1 Exacta (6-9) \$56.25 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-9-2-7) \$166.95 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-9-2) \$149.75

### SEVENTH-6 1/2 fur; \$72,000; alw; 3up

9 Suth Afrc (Crmch) 9.20 5.40 3.80  
5 Jemography (Alvarado) 12.40 6.70

4 Jerry the Nipper (Lezcano) 3.20  
● \$1 Pick 3 (3-6-9) 3 Correct \$69.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (6-9) \$40.00 ● \$1 Exacta (9-5) \$43.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (9-5-4-8) \$162.75 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (9-5-4) \$115.50

### Winner picked by Vic C

### EIGHTH-1 1/16 milesT; \$80,000; Awad; 2YO

8 Step Dancer (Dvs) 16.00 8.60 5.40  
3 Like a Saltshaker (Ortiz) 17.60 12.40  
7 Space Launch (Franco) 5.10  
Scr: Master of the Ring, Take Profit.  
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-9-8) 3 Correct \$303.50 ● \$1 Daily Double (9-8) \$51.75 ● \$1 Exacta (8-3) \$104.25 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (8-3-7-12) \$401.55 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (8-3-7) \$294.50

### Double picked by Vic C

### NINTH-7 fur; \$100,000; Bold Ruler; 3up

5 Mjstc Dunhill (Rsr) 5.90 2.50 out  
2 Share the Ride (Franco) 2.60 out

Scr: Wendell Fong, Phat Man.  
● \$1 Pick 3 (9-8-5) 3 Correct \$164.50 ● \$1 Grand Slam (2/6/9-4/5/9-3/7/8-5) 4 Correct \$22.10 ● \$1 Daily Double (8-5) \$34.75 ● \$1 Exacta (5-2) \$6.50



# The *POST* Line



| NFL Week 8        |             |          |
|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| Today             |             |          |
| Favorite          | PTS (O/U)   | Underdog |
| CHIEFS            | 19.5 (48.5) | Jets     |
| Colts             | 2.5 (49.5)  | LIONS    |
| PACKERS           | 6.5 (49.5)  | Vikings  |
| BILLS             | 4 (40.5)    | Patriots |
| Titans            | 7 (51.5)    | BENGALS  |
| BROWNS            | 2 (49.5)    | Raiders  |
| Rams              | 3.5 (45.5)  | DOLPHINS |
| RAVENS            | 4 (46.5)    | Steelers |
| Chargers          | 3.5 (44.5)  | BRONCOS  |
| SEAHAWKS          | 3 (53.5)    | 49ers    |
| Saints            | 4 (42.5)    | BEARS    |
| EAGLES            | 11 (42.5)   | Cowboys  |
| Monday            |             |          |
| Buccaneers        | 12.5 (44.5) | GIANTS   |
| Home team in CAPS |             |          |

| NFL                                           |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| Favorites to win Defensive Player of the Year |      |
| PLAYER                                        | ODDS |
| Myles Garrett                                 | 5/2  |
| T.J. Watt                                     | 3/1  |
| Aaron Donald                                  | 13/4 |
| Khalil Mack                                   | 8/1  |
| Minkah Fitzpatrick                            | 25/1 |
| Kwon Alexander                                | 30/1 |
| Za'Darius Smith                               | 30/1 |
| DeForest Buckner                              | 40/1 |
| Tyrann Mathieu                                | 40/1 |
| Shaquil Barrett                               | 50/1 |
| Lavonte David                                 | 50/1 |
| Darius Leonard                                | 50/1 |
| Bobby Wagner                                  | 50/1 |
| Budda Baker                                   | 65/1 |
| Calais Campbell                               | 65/1 |
| Jadeveon Clowney                              | 65/1 |
| Stephon Gilmore                               | 65/1 |
| Cameron Jordan                                | 65/1 |
| Jalen Ramsey                                  | 65/1 |
| Tre'Davious White                             | 65/1 |
| Joey Bosa                                     | 80/1 |
| Jamel Dean                                    | 80/1 |
| Trey Flowers                                  | 80/1 |
| Brandon Graham                                | 80/1 |
| DeMarcus Lawrence                             | 80/1 |
| Xavier Rhodes                                 | 80/1 |
| Darius Slay                                   | 80/1 |
| Preston Smith                                 | 80/1 |
| Fred Warner                                   | 80/1 |

VSIN TOP PLAY

## Injuries won't let 49ers stand up to Seahawks

By DREW DINSICK

The market can't settle on a fair price for the 49ers, as we saw a 6.5-point adjustment against them between their games against the Dolphins and Rams, then a 3.5-point adjustment back toward them between their games against the Patriots and Seahawks.

This volatility is a function of the massive amount of injuries sustained by San Francisco — which now has cluster injuries at cornerback, defensive line, wide receiver and running back to go with a limited quarterback as Jimmy Garappolo recovers from a high ankle sprain.

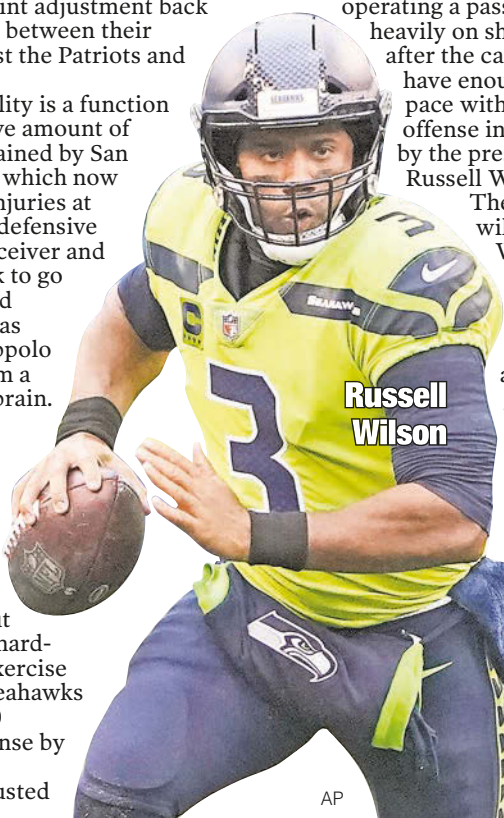
The ideal matchup for the 49ers allows them to dictate the game with their-run first approach, but they will be hard-pressed to exercise that as the Seahawks have a top-10 rushing defense by the metric Defense-adjusted

Value Over Average (DVOA) to counter San Francisco's No. 2 DVOA rushing attack.

This likely puts the game for the 49ers on the arm of Garappolo, who has shown flashes this season but is operating a passing offense that relies heavily on short targets and yards after the catch. The 49ers will not have enough firepower to keep pace with the league's No. 2 offense in total DVOA being led by the presumptive MVP Russell Wilson.

The 49ers pass defense will be truly tested as Wilson and his triumvirate of wideouts can attack at every level of the field and will have ample time to operate given the paucity of healthy pass-rushers for San Francisco. A fair price in this game is Seattle by 6 based on my numbers, so I will be backing the home favorite.

**THE PLAY:**  
Seahawks, -3.  
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### SPORTS SHORTS

#### NFL: Former Giant suspended

The NFL issued a four-game suspension Saturday to former Giants and Jaguars kicker **Aldrick Rosas** for a personal conduct violation, multiple outlets reported. Rosas was sentenced to three years of probation and a 30-day suspended jail sentence on Sept. 23 for his role in a hit-and-run car accident in Chico, Calif., on June 16.

● The Cowboys shifted quarterback **Andy Dalton** (concussion) from doubtful to out for Sunday's NFC East clash against the Eagles, according to multiple reports. He will not travel with the team to Philadelphia. Instead, rookie **Ben DiNucci** will make his first career start, with **Garrett Gilbert** serving as his backup.

● The Eagles activated tight end **Dallas Goedert**, wide receiver **Jalen Reagor**, tackle **Jason Peters**, safety **Rudy Ford** and linebacker **T.J. Edwards**.

● Bears wide receiver **Allen Robinson** has cleared the NFL's concussion protocol and is expected to play Sunday versus the Saints. Robinson sustained a concussion during the Bears' 24-10 loss to the Rams on Monday.

● Patriots cornerback **Stephon Gilmore** has been ruled out of Sunday's road game against the Bills with a knee injury, the team announced.

#### GOLF: Redman leads at Bermuda

**Doc Redman**, a 22-year-old American chasing his first PGA Tour title, fired a 4-under 67 to grab a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Bermuda Championship in Southampton.

Redman, ranked 85th, made five birdies against a lone bogey in windy conditions to stand on 10-under 203 after 54 holes.

#### MLB: Rizzo stays with Cubs

The Cubs exercised their \$16.5 million option on first baseman **Anthony Rizzo** for 2021. Rizzo, 31, batted .222 with 11 home runs and 24 RBIs in 58 games in 2020.

The three-time All-Star is a .271 career hitter with 229 homers and 753 RBIs in 10 seasons.

#### TENNIS: Halep diagnosed with COVID

Wimbledon champion **Simona Halep** has tested positive for COVID-19 and said she is "recovering well from mild symptoms."

The 29-year-old Halep, currently ranked No. 2 in the world, had skipped the U.S. Open due to fears of catching the coronavirus. She said in August that she preferred to stay and train in Europe.

#### ETC.: Top EPL clubs back to winning

Three of the teams expected to contend for the title — Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool — all picked up wins in back-to-back fixtures. **Diogo Jota** came off the bench and scored in the 85th minute to earn Liverpool a hard-fought, 2-1 victory over West Ham, **Kyle Walker** scored for City in a 1-0 win over Sheffield United, and Chelsea followed that with a 3-0 win at Burnley with goals from **Hakim Ziyech**, **Kurt Zouma** and **Timo Werner**.

● **Gervonta Davis** knocked out **Leo Santa Cruz** with a stunning uppercut in the sixth round to retain his WBA lightweight championship and take Santa Cruz's WBA junior lightweight title in San Antonio.

● Former longtime middleweight champion **Anderson Silva** lost by fourth-round TKO to **Uriah Hall** in Las Vegas, in what UFC president **Dana White** said afterward would be his last bout with the promotion.

### SOCCER

| Major League Soccer               |  | BOTH SCORE                   |      | ODDS          |  | Tie                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Red Bulls at NYCFC (Sun.)         |  | Yes                          | -139 |               |  | Manchester United                     |  |
|                                   |  | No                           | Even |               |  | Even                                  |  |
| English Premier League            |  | Brighton at Tottenham (Sun.) |      | 3-WAY BETTING |  | ODDS                                  |  |
| Southampton at Aston Villa (Sun.) |  |                              |      | Brighton      |  | +400                                  |  |
| 3-WAY BETTING                     |  | 3-WAY BETTING                |      | Tie           |  | +325                                  |  |
| Over 2.5                          |  | Southampton                  |      | Tottenham     |  | -162                                  |  |
| Under 2.5                         |  | Tie                          |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| TOTAL GOALS                       |  | Aston Villa                  |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Over 2.5                          |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Even                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| TOTAL GOAL BANDS                  |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| 0-2 goals                         |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Even                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| 3-4 goals                         |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| +140                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| 5+ goals                          |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| 4/1                               |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| FIRST GOAL                        |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| ODDS                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Red Bulls                         |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| +165                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| NYFC                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| -189                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| No goal                           |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| +775                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| DOUBLE CHANCE                     |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| ODDS                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Red Bulls or Tie                  |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| -556                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Tie or NYCFC                      |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| +105                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Red Bulls or NYCFC                |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| -455                              |  |                              |      |               |  |                                       |  |
| Arsenal at Manchester U. (Sun.)   |  | 3-WAY BETTING                |      | ODDS          |  | Leicester City at Leeds United (Mon.) |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | 3-WAY BETTING                         |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | ODDS                                  |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | Leicester City                        |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | +160                                  |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | Tie                                   |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | +260                                  |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | Leeds United                          |  |
|                                   |  |                              |      |               |  | +160                                  |  |



| Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY                                                      |                                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                                                                  | TODAY<br>Nov. 1                 | MON<br>Nov. 2 | TUE<br>Nov. 3 | WED<br>Nov. 4 | THU<br>Nov. 5 | FRI<br>Nov. 6 | SAT<br>Nov. 7 |
|  | <b>NYCFC</b><br>7:00<br>MSG     | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    |
|  | <b>Red Bulls</b><br>7:00<br>YES | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    | NO<br>GAME    |

| Monday                                                                           |                                                                                 | Today                                                                             |                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <b>Tampa Bay</b><br>8:15<br>TV - PIX11, ESPN<br>Radio- WFAN 660 AM/<br>101.9 FM |  | <b>Kansas City</b><br>1:00<br>TV - CBS<br>Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM |

| Today's Sports on the Air |                  |                                                      |                                |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NFL                       | 1 p.m.           | Jets at Chiefs                                       | CBS, ESPN (98.7 FM)            |
|                           | 1 p.m.           | Vikings at Packers                                   | FOX                            |
|                           | 4:25 p.m.        | Saints at Bears                                      | FOX                            |
|                           | 8:20 p.m.        | Cowboys at Eagles                                    | NBC,<br>WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM) |
| Golf                      | 11 a.m.          | PGA Tour: Bermuda Championship, Final Round          | GOLF                           |
|                           | 2 p.m.           | Champions Tour: TimberTech Championship, Final Round | GOLF                           |
| Tennis                    | 8 a.m.           | ATP Vienna- Final                                    | TENNIS                         |
|                           | 6 a.m. (Mon.)    | ATP Paris Masters- Early Rounds                      | TENNIS                         |
| Auto Racing               | 7:05 a.m.        | Formula One: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix               | ESPN                           |
|                           | 2 p.m.           | NASCAR Cup Series: The Xfinity 500                   | NBC                            |
|                           | 2 p.m.           | NHRA: Qualifying                                     | FS1                            |
|                           | 4 p.m.           | NHRA: The Dodge NHRA Nationals                       | FS1                            |
|                           | 6:30 p.m.        | IMSA Weathertech                                     | NBCSN                          |
| Soccer                    | 9 a.m.           | Premier League: Everton at Newcastle United          | NBCSN                          |
|                           | Noon             | NCAA Women: Virginia at Syracuse                     | YES                            |
|                           | 1 p.m.           | NCAA Women: Missouri at Kentucky                     | SECN                           |
|                           | 1:30 p.m.        | NCAA Women: Boston College at Virginia Tech          | ACCN                           |
|                           | 3 p.m.           | NCAA Women: Clemson at Florida State                 | YES                            |
|                           | 3:30 p.m.        | Philadelphia Union at Columbus Crew                  | ABC                            |
|                           | 3:30 p.m.        | NCAA Women: Miami at Duke                            | ACCN                           |
|                           | 5:30 p.m.        | NCAA Women: North Carolina at Notre Dame             | ACCN                           |
|                           | 6:30 p.m.        | Liga MX: Tigres at Club America                      | UniMas                         |
| Horse Racing              | 7 p.m.           | Red Bulls at NYCFC                                   | YES, MSG                       |
|                           | 12:30 p.m.       | Belmont Park Live                                    | MSG, MSG+                      |
| College Volleyball        | 3 p.m.           | NCAA Women: Ole Miss at Arkansas                     | SECN                           |
| Baseball                  | 5:25 a.m. (Mon.) | KBO: Kiwoom Heroes vs. LG Twins                      | ESPN2                          |
| Figure Skating            | Noon             | ISU: Grand Prix of Figure Skating                    | NBC                            |
| Swimming                  | Noon             | International Swimming League: The N 6               | CBSSN                          |
| Bowling                   | 7:30 p.m.        | PBA: Playoffs, Round of 16                           | FS1                            |
| College Field Hockey      | Noon             | Wake Forest at Boston College                        | ACCN                           |

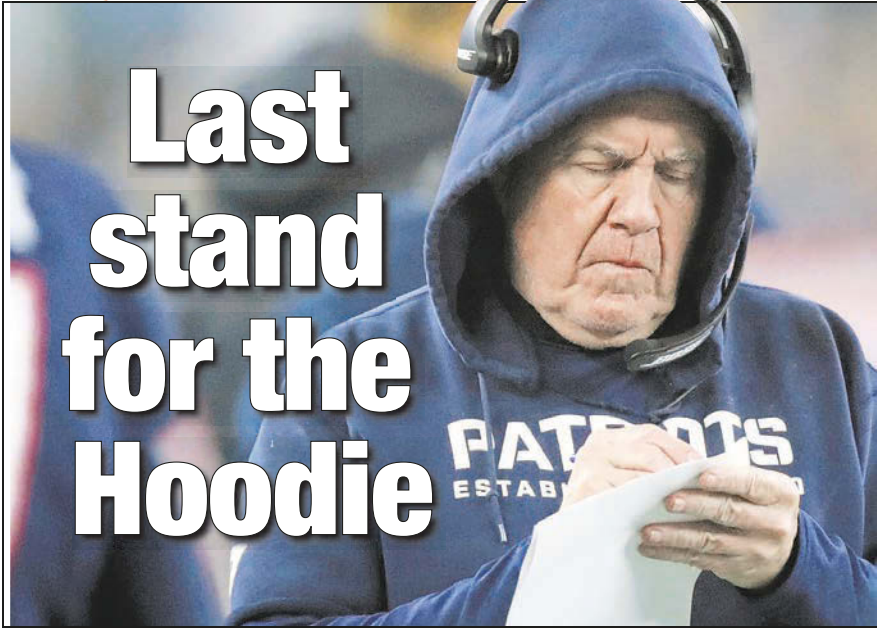
ODDS & ENDS

| NFL                                   |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Jets at Chiefs odds and props, Sunday |       |
| MONEYLINE                             | ODDS  |
| Jets                                  | +1300 |
| Chiefs                                | -3334 |
| FIRST-HALF SPREAD                     |       |
| Jets +12.5                            | -115  |
| Chiefs -12.5                          | -110  |
| FIRST-HALF TOTAL                      |       |
| Over 25.5                             | -115  |
| Under 25.5                            | -110  |
| TEAM TO SCORE FIRST TD                |       |
| Jets                                  | 7/2   |
| Chiefs                                | -556  |
| No touchdown                          | 100/1 |
| RACE TO 20 POINTS                     |       |
| Jets                                  | 11/1  |
| Chiefs                                | -910  |
| Neither                               | 12/1  |
| HIGHEST-SCORING QUARTER               |       |
| First                                 | +360  |
| Second                                | 3/2   |
| Third                                 | 4/1   |
| Fourth                                | +225  |
| PASSING YARDS                         | O/U   |
| Patrick Mahomes                       | 271.5 |
| Sam Darnold                           | 203.5 |
| RUSHING YARDS                         |       |
| Clyde Edwards-Helaire                 | 65.5  |
| Le'Veon Bell                          | 40.5  |
| Patrick Mahomes                       | 22.5  |
| Sam Darnold                           | 10.5  |
| RECEIVING YARDS                       |       |
| Tyreek Hill                           | 65.5  |
| Travis Kelce                          | 63.5  |
| Denzel Mims                           | 45.5  |
| Braxton Berrios                       | 37.5  |

| NASCAR                                                           |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Favorites to win Xfinity 500 Sunday, Martinsville Speedway (Va.) |       |
| DRIVER                                                           | ODDS  |
| Martin Truex Jr.                                                 | 7/2   |
| Denny Hamlin                                                     | 11/2  |
| Brad Keselowski                                                  | 11/2  |
| Kyle Busch                                                       | 8/1   |
| Chase Elliott                                                    | 9/1   |
| Joey Logano                                                      | 9/1   |
| Ryan Blaney                                                      | 9/1   |
| Kevin Harvick                                                    | 10/1  |
| Alex Bowman                                                      | 20/1  |
| Kurt Busch                                                       | 25/1  |
| Clint Bowyer                                                     | 35/1  |
| William Byron                                                    | 35/1  |
| Jimmie Johnson                                                   | 35/1  |
| Aric Almirola                                                    | 65/1  |
| Matt DiBenedetto                                                 | 65/1  |
| Erik Jones                                                       | 65/1  |
| Austin Dillon                                                    | 80/1  |
| Tyler Reddick                                                    | 80/1  |
| Christopher Bell                                                 | 100/1 |
| Ryan Newman                                                      | 100/1 |
| Cole Custer                                                      | 150/1 |
| Matt Kenseth                                                     | 150/1 |
| Bubba Wallace                                                    | 150/1 |
| Chris Buescher                                                   | 250/1 |
| Ricky Stenhouse Jr.                                              | 250/1 |

VSIN BET SMART

# Last stand for the Hoodie



**DON'T WRITE HIM OFF:** Bill Belichick's Patriots have lost three in a row and take a 2-4 record into Sunday's game against the Bills in Orchard Park. VSIN handicappers Matt Youmans and Drew Dinsick agree New England is the choice as a 4-point underdog as it bids to try to save its season.

By MATT YOUMANS  
and DREW DINSICK

The Patriots have lost three games in a row heading into Sunday's game vs. the Bills in Orchard Park, but two VSIN handicappers agree this is not the time to bail out on Bill Belichick as a 4-point underdog.

**Youmans:** All profitable trends eventually come to an end, and betting on Belichick after a loss is no longer a reliable handicapping angle. The Patriots were just pummeled, 33-6, by the 49ers in the most lopsided home loss of the Belichick era, and New England has lost three consecutive games for the first time since 2002.

The Patriots' two decades of dominance against Buffalo is rendered irrelevant in this week's matchup. It's sometimes tempting to buy on bad news, though, and the betting public wants nothing to do with New England now. The same was true in Week 7, when I joined several so-called sharps in an ill-fated pursuit of the Patriots, but I'll give this one more shot.

With two games remaining against the Jets, New England (2-4) could get back into the AFC East race with an upset of the Bills. Belichick is 14-4 ATS as an underdog since 2010. With another loss, Belichick likely will become a seller at next week's trade deadline.

Dramatic storylines aside, there's not as much of a fear factor in betting against the Bills, who scored on six field goals Sunday in an 18-10 victory over the Jets. Josh Allen has regressed — and never was a legitimate MVP candidate anyway — with four touchdown passes and three interceptions in the past three games, while Buffalo's defense ranks 21st in the respected metric Defense-

Adjusted Value over Average (DVOA), according to Football Outsiders.

It's reasonable to expect a bounce-back effort from Belichick's defense and from quarterback Cam Newton, who was benched Sunday after throwing three interceptions and knows his starting job is on the line this week.

**Dinsick:** This is the highest-leverage game on the slate, as a win would put the Patriots back in the conversation for a playoff spot while a loss would most likely spell the end of the season. This should incentivize Belichick and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels to empty the playbook in terms of unique scheming and game planning for this familiar opponent as this game sets up as the Patriots' last stand.

Despite the woes in the passing game (30th in EPA per dropback), New England's rushing attack is the NFL's most successful by far, generating 0.103 expected points per play. And that matches up brilliantly against a bottom-five rush defense (Bills are allowing 0.049 EPA per rush in 2020).

Rush defense also has been the Patriots' key weakness, however the Bills have shown no ability to take advantage with their rushing attack, managing the 26th ranked EPA at -0.123 points per rush attempt. This puts the onus on Allen to succeed through the air against the most difficult secondary he has faced this season, as he will likely have limited drive opportunities with the Patriots set up well to control the clock and game state.

The Bills are rightful favorites but will be hard pressed to win by more than a field goal based on my numbers, so the Patriots are a solid play at +4.

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**EQUAL TIME**

**Next Gen  
stats 98%  
wrong**

**W**HEN would be a good time for a ball club to treat its most devoted customers in a reasonably fair manner? Might it be during a health pandemic without a foreseeable end, a pandemic that has cost innumerable Americans their careers?

Yeah, that might be a good time.

But New York teams have a rotten habit of trying to exploit whatever there is to exploit to feed their blind lust for money and alienate their best customers.

Just last week, Michael Breslaw, a Mets season-ticket purchaser for the past 31 years and a local businessman who's hanging in there on behalf of his employees, took a Zoom call from a Mets ticket-sales rep.

Breslaw pays \$33,000 a year for five seats.

"The sales rep wanted to know if I still wanted the seats. I told him that under COVID conditions, I'm not sure that our clients or my family would want to attend.

"He then said that I'd better make up my mind because season-ticket sales are going very well and I shouldn't miss out. He said 87 percent of season-ticket holders have renewed for the coming season."

That struck Breslaw, and me, as preposterous. Eighty-seven percent in the throes of a financial and deadly health crisis? Five percent would strike me as high.

Breslaw tried to negotiate incremental preseason payments, through March, but was told no.

"I would still have to pay \$8,000, now, \$8,000 in December, \$8,000 in January and the balance — \$9,000 — in February and March.

"I told him I'd pay them the final \$18,000 in March, closer to when we know if there will be a regular season." The Mets could bank \$15,000 of his money in the meantime. "But I was refused. I told him that's ridiculous."

## GREED-DEMIG

### Amazin' pursuit of tix payments during health, financial crisis

**FIRST PRIORITY:** Despite the uncertainty of fans being allowed in stands, and despite the health concerns of fans, and despite many facing economic hardships, the Mets want their season-ticket money, and they don't want to wait on payment.

AP

And as of today, Breslaw, after 31 years, is an ex-Mets season-ticket holder. How, after all, could he possibly accede to such terms under current unknown and unpredictable conditions?

But that's how sports businesses operate here. You may recall the Jets' bogus selling of their PSLs while Roger Goodell claimed them to be "good investments."

The Jets claimed in TV and radio ads that fans had better hurry because the PSLs were nearly sold out. Complete nonsense. Phone

reps promised buyers privileged access to tickets of other Meadowlands events, such as concerts. That, too, as the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority assured us, was nonsense.

And buried deep within the Jets' PSL contracts was word that whatever promises were made to potential purchasers to close this deal should be ignored.

The Mets have made a mockery of good-faith relationships with their customers — from nearly doubling the price of tickets from

Shea Stadium to Citi Field, to onerous, unexplained tack-on purchasing (the convenience in "convenience fees" belongs to the team) to the bundling of tickets to force fans to buy tickets to big-draw weekend games only if they buy four or five unwanted tickets to weeknight games.

And now, in the throes of a health and finance crisis, they demand \$33,000 in way-upfront money from a fellow who financially supported the team for 31 years — through thick, thin and thinner.

## Don't expect different Carton in his WFAN return

**THURSDAY**, in what sounded like a case of greasing the skids for his return to WFAN on Nov. 9, **Craig Carton** was heard. He spoke contrition for his recent sins, yet was also heard as a hardly humbled wiseguy. But who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of radio characters, starting in 1930 with The Shadow.

When the Carton segment ended, listeners heard from **John Jastremski**, an-

other WFAN junior-grade show host who was suddenly assigned to emphasize sports gambling as if he's a renowned and successful tout (there's no such animal). As if on cue, Jastremski discussed NFL betting lines.

Also, Thursday came word that WFAN's parent company Entercom, has signed a six-year deal with FanDuel to become the "official sportsbook" of Entercom stations as WFAN sinks

desperately deeper into the gambling quicksand.

And now WFAN will team Carton, the station's most infamous gambler, with another of its new, station-anointed Masters of Sports Gambling Expertise, **Evan Roberts**. Suggested name: "The Regret & Remorse Show."

Hell of a place for Carton to further pursue recovery from a criminal gambling addiction.

It seems impossible that

Carton will return a humbled, disgraced and repentant man. His radio ratings success was predicated on conceit, defamations, excessive self-entitlement, vulgarities and attention-desperate obnoxious public conduct.

In other words, even if Carton wishes to be seen and heard in a better, post-prison light — more of a human who practices humanity — it's unlikely WFAN management would encour-

age that on a continuum. His tacit rules of engagement are to aim low, go lower.

It seems far more likely that the shot-callers want him to pick up where he left off on the day he was arrested and the day he replaced **Don Imus**. Not that WFAN ever took care to take care of its credibility.

In Texas Hold 'Em terms, WFAN is "all-in." How it can be all-in while leaving Carton out would be a stunning card trick.

READER **Raider D.** notes that with a minute left in Detroit's game versus Atlanta, last Sunday, Next Gen Stats calculated the Lions had "a 2 percent win probability." Next, with no time left, "their win probability became 100 percent," as the Lions scored a TD on the last play.

➤ Reader **Henry Blaukopf** on baseball's "pure science" analytics: "They're like a mutual funds disclaimers — 'Past performance may not be indicative of future performance.'"

➤ Glad they're keeping Washington Football Team. It's to the point. Of course, when referencing WFT, one must be extra careful with those initials.

➤ When **Rich Gannon** joined CBS in 2005, he spoke plain and pleasing football English. Now, as heard throughout last Sunday's Jets-Bills game, he tries to speak genuine, TV-certified pigskin gibberish, in quick order telling us Jets RB **Frank Gore** doesn't like "to be disrespected" — who does? — "likes to run downhill" and twice that Gore tries to avoid "negative runs."

➤ Didn't take long for that Base-Cam gizmo to vanish, did it? Not so much a matter of who invented it, but who approved it for useless use in MLB playoff telecasts?

➤ Six-game World Series: Dodgers batted .251, Rays .216. Hits: a total of 93. Strikeouts: a total of 131. All 8:10 p.m. starts, quickest game: 3:15, longest game: 4:10. Might have something to do with rotten TV ratings?

➤ Turn down the volume, CBS has assigned "Hollerin'" **Kevin Harlan** to Sunday's Jets-Chiefs.

➤ Reader **Bruce Christoffersen:** "Brian Cashman built a team to win the Home Run Derby, not the World Series."



| AMERICAN CONFERENCE |   |   |   |      |         |
|---------------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| East                | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
| Buffalo             | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 174 178 |
| Miami               | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 160 113 |
| New England         | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 115 143 |
| <b>Jets</b>         | 0 | 7 | 0 | .000 | 85 203  |
|                     |   |   |   |      |         |
| South               | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
| Tennessee           | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 188 153 |
| Indianapolis        | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 157 115 |
| Houston             | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 166 217 |
| Jacksonville        | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 154 220 |

| North      | W | L | T | Pct.  | PF PA   |
|------------|---|---|---|-------|---------|
| Pittsburgh | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 183 118 |
| Baltimore  | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833  | 179 104 |
| Cleveland  | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714  | 200 221 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 5 | 1 | .214  | 163 194 |

| West          | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| Kansas City   | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 218 143 |
| Las Vegas     | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 171 197 |
| Denver        | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 116 153 |
| L.A. Chargers | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 149 154 |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE |   |   |   |      |         |
|---------------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| East                | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
| Philadelphia        | 2 | 4 | 1 | .357 | 163 196 |
| Dallas              | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 176 243 |
| Washington          | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 133 165 |
| <b>Giants</b>       | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 122 174 |

| South       | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| Tampa Bay   | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 222 142 |
| New Orleans | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 180 174 |
| Carolina    | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 179 193 |
| Atlanta     | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 209 224 |

| North     | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| Green Bay | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 197 159 |
| Chicago   | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 138 140 |
| Detroit   | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 156 165 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 5 | 0 | .167 | 155 192 |

| West          | W | L | T | Pct. | PF PA   |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| Seattle       | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 203 172 |
| Arizona       | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 203 146 |
| L.A. Rams     | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 176 124 |
| San Francisco | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 181 136 |

**Thursday- Week 8**  
Atlanta 25, Carolina 17  
**Sunday**  
**Jets** at Kansas City, 1pm  
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1pm  
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1pm  
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1pm  
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm  
New England at Buffalo, 1pm  
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1pm  
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1pm  
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05pm  
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25pm  
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm  
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20pm  
**Bye:** Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington

**Monday**  
Tampa Bay at **Giants**, 8:15pm  
**Thursday- Week 9**  
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:20pm  
**Sunday, Nov. 8**  
**Giants** at Washington, 1pm  
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 1pm  
Carolina at Kansas City, 1pm  
Chicago at Tennessee, 1pm  
Denver at Atlanta, 1pm  
Detroit at Minnesota, 1pm  
Houston at Jacksonville, 1pm  
Seattle at Buffalo, 1pm  
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05pm  
Miami at Arizona, 4:25pm  
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25pm  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 8:20pm  
**Bye:** Cincinnati, Cleveland, L.A. Rams, Philadelphia

**Monday, Nov. 9**  
New England at **Jets**, 8:15pm

SUNDAY

Jets at Chiefs

**Jets:** **Out:** LB Blake Cashman (hamstring), S Bradley McDougald (shoulder), WR Breshad Periman (concussion). **Doubtful:** WR Jamison Crowder (groin), K Sam Ficken (right groin). **Questionable:** G Josh Andrews (shoulder), RB Frank Gore (not injury related, hand), LB Jordan Jenkins (ribs, shoulder), T Conor McDermott (illness). **Full:** T Mekhi Becton (shoulder), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T George Fant (knee), T Alex Lewis (shoulder), TE Trevon Wesco (hand). **Chiefs:** **Out:** T Mitchell Schwartz (back), WR Sammy Watkins (hamstring). **Full:** DE Taco Charlton (knee), T Eric Fisher (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (groin), DT Derrick Nnadi (ankle), C Austin Reiter (knee), DT Khalen Saunders (elbow), S Armani Watts (illness), RB Darrel Williams (shoulder), T Andrew Wylie (foot).

Cowboys at Eagles

**Cowboys:** **Doubtful:** QB Andy Dalton (concussion). **Limited:** P Chris Jones (abdomen). **Full:** G Zack Martin (concussion), S Xavier Woods (not injury related). **Eagles:** **Out:** T Jack Driscoll (ankle), CB Craig James (hamstring), WR Alshon Jeffery (calf), CB Cre'von LeBlanc (quadricep), RB Miles Sanders (knee). **DNP:** DE Genard Avery (elbow), LB Nathan Gerry (ankle). **Full:** DE Vinny Curry (illness), DT Malik Jackson (quadricep), T Lane Johnson (knee, ankle), S K'Von Wallace (neck).

Colts at Lions

**Colts:** **Questionable:** TE Mo Alie-Cox (knee), C Ryan Kelly (knee). **DNP:** S Julian Blackmon (not injury related), T Anthony Costanzo (not injury related), WR T.Y. Hilton (not injury related). **Full:** DT Denico Autry (not injury related), TE Trey Burton (not injury related), TE Jack Doyle (not injury related), T Chaz Green (back), DE Justin Houston (not injury related), LB Darius Leonard (groin). **Lions:** **Questionable:** T Taylor Decker (shoulder), LB Jalen Reeves-Maybin (not injury related), CB Darryl Roberts (groin, hip), CB Desmond Trufant (hamstring). **Full:** RB Adrian Peterson (abdomen).

Raiders at Browns

**Raiders:** **Doubtful:** DE Arden Key (foot). **Questionable:** WR Bryan Edwards (foot, ankle). **Limited:** DT Malik Collins (shoulder), RB Josh Jacobs (knee), DE Carl Nassib (toe), T Sam Young (knee) **Full:** S Dallin Leavitt (ankle), T Kolton Miller (shoulder), CB Trayvon Mullen (shoulder, forearm), CB Keisean Nixon (groin). **Browns:** **Out:** TE Austin Hooper (abdomen), LB Jacob Phillips (knee), G Wyatt Teller (calf). **Limited:** T Jack Conklin (knee), DE Myles Garrett (ankle), DT Larry Ogunjobi (hamstring), C J.C. Tretter (knee). **Full:** RB Kareem Hunt (ribs), WR Jarvis Landry (hip, ribs), TE David Njoku (knee), CB M.J. Stewart (back), LB Sione Takitaki (hand).

Chargers at Broncos

**Chargers:** **Out:** G Gray Turner (groin). **Questionable:** T Brian Bulaga (back), T Storm Norton (knee), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs). **Broncos:** **Out:** TE Andrew Beck (hamstring), WR Dontae Spencer (shoulder). **Questionable:** LB Jeremiah Attaochu (quadricep), DE Jake Butt (hamstring), T Demar Dotson (not injury related), RB Phillip Lindsay (concussion), WR Tim Patrick (hamstring), G Austin Schlottmann (not injury related). **Full:** TE Noah Fant (ankle), DE Shelby Harris (illness), WR Jerry Jeudy (shoulder).

Rams at Dolphins

**Rams:** **Questionable:** TE Tyler Higbee (hand). **Dolphins:** **Out:** CB Jamal Perry (foot). **Questionable:** TE Adam Shaheen (shoulder). **Full:** DT Raekwon Davis (shoulder), S Kavon Frazier (shoulder), WR Jakeem Grant (illness), LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (hand), CB Xavien Howard (knee), CB Byron Jones (achilles), DE Shaq Lawson (shoulder), S Bobby McCain (ankle), WR DeVante Parker (groin), LB Kyle Van Noy (foot).

Vikings at Packers

**Vikings:** **Out:** CB Holton Hill (foot), CB Mike Hughes (neck). **Questionable:** WR Dan Chisena (hip). **Full:** CB Kris Boyd (hamstring, back), RB Dalvin Cook (groin), S Anthony Harris (wrist), G Dru Samia (wrist), WR Adam Thielen (shoulder). **Packers:** **Out:** RB Aaron Jones (calf), CB Kevin King (quadricep). **Questionable:** T David Bakhtiari (chest), K Mason Crosby (left calf, back), RB Tyler Ervin (wrist), S Raven Greene (oblique), DT Tyler Lancaster (shoulder), QB John Lovett (knee), S Darnell Savage (quadricep), **Limited:** LB Krys Barnes (shoulder, biceps), LS Hunter Bradley (groin), LB Rashan Gary (ankle), TE Marcedes Lewis (knee), LB Kamal Martin (knee), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), LB Za'Darius Smith (ankle), WR Equanimeous St. Brown (knee). **Full:** CB Jaire Alexander (hand, knee), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle, knee).

Patriots at Bills

**Patriots:** **Out:** DT Carl Davis (concussion), WR Julian Edelman (knee), WR N'Keal Harry (concussion). **DNP:** CB Stephon Gilmore (knee). **Limited:** LB Shilique Calhoun (knee), S Kyle Dugger (ankle), DT Lawrence Guy (ankle), RB Damien Harris (ankle), T Justin Herron (ankle), CB J.C. Jackson (knee), TE Dalton Keene (knee), G Shaquille Mason (calf), DE John Simon (shoulder), T Joe Thuney (ankle). **Bills:** **Out:** T Cody Ford (knee), CB Josh Norman (hamstring). **Questionable:** DT Vernon Butler (groin), DE Jerry Hughes (foot), S Micah Hyde (concussion), DT Quinton Jefferson (knee), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral), G Brian Winters (knee). **Limited:** QB Jake Fromm (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral). **Full:** QB Josh Allen (left shoulder), WR John Brown (knee), DE Jerry Hughes (foot), DT Quinton Jefferson (knee), WR Isaiah McKenzie (ankle), G Brian Winters (knee).

Saints at Bears

**Saints:** **Out:** WR Marquez Callaway (ankle), G Nick Easton (elbow), WR Michael Thomas (ankle, hamstring). **Limited:** T Terron Armstead (elbow). **Bears:** **Out:** C Cody Whitehair (calf). **Doubtful:** WR Allen Robinson (concussion). **Questionable:** S Eddie Jackson (knee), LB Khalil Mack (ankle), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), WR Cordarrelle Patterson (quadricep). **Full:** T Rashaad Coward (finger), WR Ted Ginn (not injury related), TE Jimmy Graham (not injury related), S Eddie Jackson (knee), TE Cole Kmet (back), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), T Jason Spriggs (back).

Steelers at Ravens

**Steelers:** **Out:** S Jordan Dangerfield (quadricep), LB Ulysees Gilbert (back), DE Chris Wormley (knee). **Questionable:** CB Mike Hilton (shoulder), FB Derek Watt (hamstring). **Full:** G David DeCastro (not injury related), TE Eric Ebron (elbow), WR Diontae Johnson (toe), C Maurkice Pouncey (elbow), QB Ben Roethlisberger (not injury related), WR Juju Smith-Schuster (knee), DE Stephen Tuitt (elbow), T Alejandro Villanueva (elbow). **Ravens:** **Doubtful:** RB Mark Ingram (ankle). **Questionable:** S Anthony Levine (abdomen), CB Jimmy Smith (achilles). **DNP:** LB Pernell McPhee (not injury related), DE Derek Wolfe (not injury related, neck). **Full:** CB Marlon Humphrey (illness), G Tyre Phillips (hand).

49ers at Seahawks

**49ers:** **Out:** WR Deebo Samuel (hamstring), RB Jeffery Wilson (ankle). **Doubtful:** LB Kwon Alexander (ankle), WR Richie James (ankle), S Jaquiski Tartt (groin). **Questionable:** DE Kentavius Street (illness), S Jimmie Ward (quadricep). **Seahawks:** **Out:** CB Shaquill Griffin (concussion, hamstring). **Doubtful:** S Ugochukwu Amadi (hamstring), RB Carlos Hyde (hamstring), G Mike Iupati (back). **Questionable:** S Jamal Adams (groin), RB Chris Carson (foot), RB Travis Homer (knee), DE Benson Mayowa (ankle), CB Ryan Neal (hamstring).

Titans at Bengals

**Titans:** **Out:** S Dane Cruikshank (groin), CB Kristian Fulton (knee). **Questionable:** C Daniel Munyer (hand), CB Tye Smith (shoulder). **Full:** WR A.J. Brown (knee),

LB Jadeveon Clowney (knee), CB Johnathan Joseph (illness), T Dennis Kelly (knee), DT Jeffery Simmons (not injury related). **Bengals:** **Out:** T Bobby Hart (knee), C Trey Hopkins (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), T Jonah Williams (stinger). **Doubtful:** WR John Ross (illness). **DNP:** T Bobby Hart (knee), C Trey Hopkins (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), CB Darius Phillips (knee), WR John Ross (illness), T Jonah Williams (stinger). **Full:** DT Geno Atkins (not injury related), LB Markus Bailey (neck), TE Cethan Carter (shoulder), DT Mike Daniels (not injury related), CB William Jackson (concussion), G Michael Jordan (back), S Brandon Wilson (knee).

MONDAY

Buccaneers at Giants

**Buccaneers:** **DNP:** WR Chris Godwin (finger), OLB Jason Pierre Paul (knee). DL Ndamukong Suh (not injury related) **Full:** TE Rob Gronkowski(shoulder), WR Scotty Miller (hip/groin), S Antoine Winfield, Jr. (shoulder/groin) **Giants:** **DNP:** RB Devonta Freeman (ankle). **Limited:** S Adrian Colbert (shoulder), CB Darnay Holmes (neck), WR Sterling Shepard (shoulder, toe), **Full:** WR C.J. Board (concussion), T Cameron Fleming (not injury related), C Nick Gates (not injury related), G Shane Lemieux (not injury related), C Spencer Pulley (not injury related), T Andrew Thomas (not injury related).

MLS

| EAST           | W  | L  | D | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| x-Philadelphia | 13 | 3  | 5 | 44  | 41 | 18 |
| x-Toronto FC   | 12 | 4  | 5 | 41  | 30 | 23 |
| x-Columbus     | 10 | 5  | 5 | 35  | 31 | 17 |
| x-Orlando City | 9  | 3  | 8 | 35  | 35 | 21 |
| x-NYFCF        | 10 | 8  | 3 | 33  | 28 | 20 |
| x-Red Bulls    | 8  | 8  | 5 | 29  | 25 | 25 |
| x-New England  | 7  | 6  | 8 | 29  | 22 | 20 |
| x-Nashville    | 7  | 6  | 8 | 29  | 21 | 19 |
| Montreal       | 7  | 12 | 2 | 23  | 30 | 40 |
| Chicago        | 5  | 9  | 7 | 22  | 28 | 33 |
| Inter Miami CF | 6  | 12 | 3 | 21  | 22 | 32 |
| D.C. United    | 5  | 10 | 6 | 21  | 20 | 34 |
| Atlanta        | 5  | 12 | 4 | 19  | 20 | 28 |
| Cincinnati     | 4  | 13 | 4 | 16  | 11 | 32 |

| WEST             | W  | L  | D | Pts | GF | GA |
|------------------|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| x-Sporting K.C.  | 11 | 6  | 3 | 36  | 36 | 25 |
| x-Seattle FC     | 10 | 4  | 5 | 35  | 38 | 18 |
| x-Portland       | 10 | 5  | 5 | 35  | 44 | 33 |
| x-Los Angeles FC | 9  | 7  | 4 | 31  | 44 | 35 |
| FC Dallas        | 8  | 5  | 7 | 31  | 27 | 21 |
| x-Minn. United   | 8  | 5  | 6 | 30  | 31 | 24 |
| San Jose         | 7  | 8  | 6 | 27  | 31 | 45 |
| Vancouver        | 8  | 13 | 0 | 24  | 24 | 43 |
| Real Salt Lake   | 5  | 8  | 7 | 22  | 24 | 31 |
| Houston          | 4  | 9  | 9 | 21  | 29 | 38 |
| Colorado         | 5  | 6  | 4 | 19  | 26 | 26 |
| LA Galaxy        | 5  | 11 | 3 | 18  | 24 | 41 |

NOTE: For the 2020 season, MLS will determine standings using points per game.  
**Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie**  
**Saturday**  
FC Dallas 3, Houston 0  
Chicago 1, Nashville 1

Sunday

**Red Bulls** at **NYCFC**, 7pm  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 3:30pm  
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7pm  
Orlando City at Montreal, 7:30pm  
D.C. United at New England, 7:30pm  
Minnesota at Sporting K.C., 7:30pm  
Miami at Toronto FC, 7:30pm  
Seattle FC at Colorado, 9pm  
Vancouver at Portland, 10pm  
Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm  
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10:30pm

# POP QUIZ

**Question (from Rich Ackerman of CBS Sports Radio, WCBS 880-AM and FS1): In the 1991 “Seinfeld” episode “The Chinese Restaurant,” the restaurant host seats a party that shares a name with a former pitcher for the Yankees (as well as four other teams). Name the pitcher.**

CHECK FOR THE ANSWER ON MONDAY IN KEN DAVIDOFF'S POST AT NYPOST.COM.

College Football

**East**  
Indiana 37, Rutgers 21  
Ohio St. 38, Penn St. 25  
Wake Forest 38, Syracuse 14  
West Virginia 37, Kansas St. 10  
**South**  
Abilene Christian 20, Mercer 17  
Alabama 41, Mississippi St. 0  
Appalachian St. 1, Louisiana-Monroe 13  
Auburn 48, LSU 11  
Clemson 34, Boston College 28  
Coastal Carolina 51, Georgia St. 0  
Duke 53, Charlotte 19  
FAU 24, UTSA 3  
Florida 41, Missouri 17  
Georgia 14, Kentucky 3  
Louisiana Tech 37, UAB 34, 20T  
Mississippi 54, Vanderbilt 21  
Notre Dame 31, Georgia Tech 13  
Rice 30, Southern Miss. 6  
Tulane 38, Temple 3  
Virginia 44, North Carolina 41  
Virginia Tech 42, Louisville 35

**Midwest**  
Cincinnati 49, Memphis 10  
Iowa St. 52, Kansas 22  
Michigan St. 27, Michigan 24  
Northwestern 21, Iowa 20  
Purdue 31, Illinois 14  
**Southwest**  
Cent. Arkansas 52, Missouri Western 10  
Oklahoma 62, Texas Tech 28  
SMU 51, Navy 37  
Stephen F. Austin 64, Western St. (Col.) 7  
TCU 33, Baylor 23  
Texas 41, Oklahoma St. 34, OT  
Texas A&M 42, Arkansas 31  
Troy 38, Arkansas St. 10  
UCF 44, Houston 21  
**Far West**  
Boise St. 49, Air Force 30  
San Jose St. 38, New Mexico 21  
BYU 41, Western Kentucky 10

Soccer

**English Premier League**  
Manchester City 1, Sheffield United 0  
Chelsea 3, Burnley 0  
Liverpool 2, West Ham United 1  
**French Ligue 1**  
Stade Rennes 2, Brest 1  
Paris Saint-Germain 3, Nantes 0  
**German Bundesliga**  
Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Werder Bremen 1  
Bayern Munich 2, Cologne 1  
Augsburg 3, Mainz 1  
Bor. Dortmund 2, Arminia Bielefeld 0,  
Bor. Muenchengladbach 1, RB Leipzig 0  
**Italian Serie A**  
Atalanta 2, Crotone 1  
Inter 2, Parma 2  
Bologna 3, Cagliari 2  
**Spanish La Liga**  
Madrid 4, Huesca 1  
Athletic Bilbao 2, Sevilla 1  
Atletico Madrid 3, Osasuna 1  
Alaves 1, Barcelona 1

Tennis

**ATP World Tour Vienna**  
**At Wiener Stadthalle; Vienna; Purse: \$1,409,510; Surface: Hardcourt indoor; Saturday (seedings in parentheses):**  
**Men's Singles - Semifinals**  
Andrey Rublev (5), Russia, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 6-4, 4-1, ret.  
Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, def. Daniel Evans, Britain, 6-3, 6-4.

Golf

**PGA Tour - Bermuda Championship At Port Royal Golf Course; Southampton, Bermuda; Purse: \$4 million; Yardage: 6,842; Par: 71**  
**Third Round**  
Doc Redman ..... 65-71-67 203 -10  
Ryan Armour ..... 64-70-70 204 -9  
Wyndham Clark ..... 66-68-70 204 -9  
Kramer Hickok ..... 67-68-69 204 -9  
Matt Jones ..... 68-71-66 205 -8  
Brian Gay ..... 70-68-67 205 -8  
Ollie Schniederjans .. 66-70-69 205 -8  
Adam Schenk ..... 69-71-66 206 -7  
Doug Ghim ..... 64-74-68 206 -7  
Kiradch Aphibarnrat .. 71-66-69 206 -7  
David Hearn ..... 68-72-67 207 -6  
Anirban Lahiri ..... 68-70-69 207 -6  
Ryan Brehm ..... 68-74-65 207 -6  
Peter Malnati ..... 63-74-70 207 -6  
Russell Knox ..... 67-74-67 208 -5  
Stewart Cink ..... 66-74-68 208 -5  
Will Zalatoris ..... 69-72-67 208 -5  
Michael Gligic ..... 68-71-69 208 -5  
Mark Anderson ..... 69-70-69 208 -5  
Beau Hossler ..... 71-68-69 208 -5  
Emiliano Grillo ..... 66-72-70 208 -5  
Luke Donald ..... 69-68-71 208 -5  
Roger Sloan ..... 67-70-71 208 -5  
Johnson Wagner ..... 66-74-69 209 -4  
Hank Lebioda ..... 68-72-69 209 -4  
Maverick McNealy ... 69-71-69 209 -4  
Will Gordon ..... 69-72-68 209 -4  
Sepp Straka ..... 70-70-69 209 -4  
Andrew Putnam ..... 69-73-67 209 -4  
Padraig Harrington .. 67-71-71 209 -4  
Scott Piercy ..... 67-70-72 209 -4  
Denny McCarthy ..... 70-67-72 209 -4  
Aaron Wise ..... 68-73-69 210 -3  
Troy Merritt ..... 69-70-71 210 -3  
Chesson Hadley ..... 68-71-71 210 -3  
**Champions Tour - TimberTech Championship At The Old Course at Broken Sound; Boca Raton, Fla.; Purse: \$2 million; Yardage: 6,906; Par: 72**  
**Second Round**  
Darren Clarke ..... 69-62 131 -13  
Robert Karlsson ..... 65-66 131 -13  
Jim Furyk ..... 64-68 132 -12  
Cameron Beckman ..... 67-66 133 -11  
Kent Jones ..... 67-66 133 -11  
Scott Parel ..... 65-68 133 -11  
Bernhard Langer ..... 65-68 133 -11  
Gene Sauers ..... 69-65 134 -10  
Rod Pampling ..... 69-65 134 -10  
Miguel Angel Jimenez .... 68-67 135 -9  
Tim Petrovic ..... 67-68 135 -9  
Joe Durant ..... 66-69 135 -9  
Vijay Singh ..... 69-67 136 -8  
Tom Pernice Jr ..... 69-67 136 -8  
Stephen Leaney ..... 70-66 136 -8  
Retief Goosen ..... 67-69 136 -8  
Kevin Sutherland ..... 67-69 136 -8  
Duffy Waldorf ..... 65-71 136 -8  
Olin Browne ..... 68-69 137 -7  
Tom Kite ..... 67-70 137 -7  
Steve Flesch ..... 67-70 137 -7  
David Toms ..... 67-70 137 -7  
Brett Quigley ..... 66-71 137 -7  
John Daly ..... 64-73 137 -7  
Ernie Els ..... 69-69 138 -6  
David McKenzie ..... 69-69 138 -6  
Dudley Hart ..... 67-71 138 -6  
**European Tour - Aphrodite Hills Cyprus Open At The Aphrodite Hills Resort; Paphos, Cyprus; Purse:\$1.2 million; Yardage: 6,299; Par: 70**  
**Third Round**  
Jamie Donaldson ..... 65-65-69 199 -14  
David Drysdale ..... 65-67-68 200 -13  
Marcus Armitage ..... 66-64-70 200 -13  
Sami Valimaki ..... 65-67-68 200 -13  
Kalle Samojoa ..... 70-66-64 200 -13  
Thomas Detry ..... 66-67-67 200 -13  
Callum Shinkwin ..... 67-66-68 201 -12  
Jordan Smith ..... 67-66-68 201 -12  
Robert Macintyre ..... 68-67-66 201 -12  
Jeff Winther ..... 68-68-65 201 -12  
Garrick Higgo ..... 68-66-67 201 -12  
Shubhankar Sharma ..... 67-66-69 202 -11  
Dale Whitnell ..... 68-68-66 202 -11  
Matthias Schwab ..... 67-67-68 202 -11  
Adrien Saddler ..... 67-69-66 202 -11



# FROSH PRINCE

## Uiagalelei rallies Clemson to avoid Lawrence-less upset

By PETE IACOBELLI

**CLEMSON** 34  
**BOSTON COLLEGE** 28

CLEMSON, S.C. — Freshman DJ Uiagalelei threw for 342 yards and two touchdowns in relief of Trevor Lawrence, who was home with COVID-19, and No. 1 Clemson rallied from 18-points down in the first half to defeat Boston College 34-28 on Saturday.

Travis Etienne became the ACC's all-time rushing leader and his second TD put the Tigers (7-0, 6-0) ahead for good. A jarring week for Clemson ended with its 28th straight win over league competition, 10th straight over the Eagles and 27th in a row at home.

Clemson was missing several key players. Lawrence was out after testing positive for the virus and starting linebackers James Skalski and Mike Jones Jr. were missing because of injuries.

The Eagles (4-3, 3-3) took

advantage, putting Clemson in a 28-10 hole in the second quarter with the virus-reduced crowd stunned to near silence.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney told his team at halftime, "Don't flinch."

"It's been a long time since we've been down like this," Swinney said. "We're fixing to find out what this team's made of."

It's made of highly talented players ready for the moment like Uiagalelei, who showed why he was a five-star prospect coveted by every college power and the heir apparent once Lawrence leaves for the NFL.

Uiagalelei ran for a 30-yard TD on Clemson's opening third-quarter drive to begin the comeback, then threw an 8-yard scoring strike to

Amari Rodgers that drew the Tigers within 28-26.

Etienne, Clemson's other Heisman contender, put the Tigers in front for good with a 17-yard touchdown run with 11:34 to go.

The Eagles got the ball back with 1:24 to. But Phil Jurkovec was called for intentional grounding in the end zone for a Tigers' safety, a fitting end to a second-half shutout by the Clemson defense.

Etienne ran for 84 yards, pushing him to 4,644 in his four seasons and past North Carolina State's Ted Brown (4,602) as the ACC's all-time leader.

Despite the loss, first-year Eagles coach Jeff Hefley was proud of his players' belief and confidence they could compete with anyone. "We took it to the No. 1 team in the country," Hefley said.

— AP



**GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE:** Freshman quarterback DJ Uiagalelei passed for 342 yards and two touchdowns in place of Heisman Trophy contender Trevor Lawrence, who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Thursday.

USA Today

## Trevor will not play vs. Fighting Irish

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence will not play for the top-ranked Tigers at No. 4 Notre Dame next week after testing positive for COVID-19.

Clemson coach Dabo

Swinney said Lawrence would miss his second straight week because of the virus. Swinney was informed Thursday of Lawrence's test and ACC protocol requires at least a 10-day isolation period, plus medical testing post-isolation.

Freshman backup DJ Uiagalelei will make his second college start with Lawrence sidelined.

The Tigers had their latest round of coronavirus testing on Friday.

Swinney said before the game Lawrence was in good spirits and doing well.

## No. 10 Gators brawl with Mizzou in first win since outbreak

Associated Press

Kadarius Toney scored three times, Kyle Trask became the first player in school history with four touchdown passes in four consecutive games and No. 10 Florida (3-1) returned from a three-week layoff to handle Missouri (2-3), 41-17, on Saturday night in Gainesville, Fla.

The Gators' easiest win of the season came after a COVID-19 outbreak forced the SEC to postpone two of their games. It also included a benches-clearing scuffle at halftime that involved both coaches.

Several players threw punches during the melee, but just three were ejected. The conference could hand down more punishments following a review.

It could be costly for Florida, which plays rival and fifth-ranked Georgia next week in nearby Jacksonville. The game is likely to decide the winner of the East Division.

**Ohio State 38, Penn State 25**

In State College, Pa., Justin Fields passed for 318 yards and four touchdowns, two to Chris Olave, and the No. 3 Buckeyes (2-0) beat the No. 18 Nittany Lions (0-2).

**Notre Dame 31, Georgia Tech 13**

In Atlanta, Kyren Williams ran for two touchdowns, Ian Book passed for another and the No. 4 Fighting Irish (6-0, 5-0 ACC) moved on to its biggest game of the season with a dominant de-

fensive performance, stifling the Yellow Jackets (2-5, 2-4).

**Georgia 14, Kentucky 3**

In Lexington, Ky., Zamir White ran for a career-high 131 yards and a touchdown, Stetson Bennett also ran for a score and the No. 3 Bulldogs (4-1 SEC) beat the Wildcats (2-4) for their 11th straight victory in the series.

**Texas 41, Oklahoma State 34 (OT)**

In Stillwater, Okla., Sam Ehlinger threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Joshua Moore in overtime and Joseph Ossai sealed the victory by sacking Oklahoma State quarterback Spencer Sanders as the Longhorns (4-2, 3-2) knocked off the previously unbeaten and sixth-ranked Cowboys (4-1, 3-1 Big 12).

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**Cincinnati 49, Memphis 10**

In Cincinnati, Desmond Ridder threw touchdown passes to three different receivers and ran for two and Jerome Ford also scored twice as the seventh-ranked Bearcats (5-0, 3-0 AAC) remained undefeated with a rout of the Tigers (3-2, 2-2).

**Texas A&M 43, Arkansas 31**

In College Station, Texas, Kelvin Mond threw for 260 yards and three touchdowns as the No. 8 Aggies (4-1) built a big lead and held on to beat the Razorbacks (2-3) for the ninth straight time.

**Michigan State 27, Michigan 24**

In Ann Arbor, Mich., Rocky Lombardi threw for 323 yards, including 196 to Ricky White, and three touchdowns to help the Spartans (1-1, 1-1 Big Ten) stun the

No. 13 Wolverines (1-1, 1-1).

**Virginia 44, North Carolina 41**

In Charlottesville, Va., Brennan Armstrong threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, and the Cavaliers (2-4, 2-4 ACC) scored 28 consecutive points before holding on to beat the No. 15 Tar Heels (4-2, 4-2).

**West Virginia 37, Kansas State 10**

In Morgantown, W.Va., Jarret Doege threw two touchdown passes, Dylan Tonkery returned an interception for a score and the Mountaineers (4-2, 3-2 Big 12) beat the No. 16 Wildcats (4-2, 4-1).

**Wake Forest 38, Syracuse 14**

In Syracuse, Kenneth Walker III ran for three touchdowns as the Demon Deacons (4-2, 3-2 ACC) overpowered the Orange (1-6, 1-5).



# Loss to Hoosiers reminds that RU a work in progress

By ZACH BRAZILLER

If Rutgers' stunning season-opening upset victory created unrealistic expectations, then Saturday's home debut provided a harsh reminder of reality.

It's not going to happen overnight for Greg Schiano and the Scarlet Knights.

"Well," Schiano said, "what a difference a week makes."

Coming off the thrilling win at Michigan State that snapped a 21-game Big Ten losing streak, the Scarlet Knights returned home looking to build on that momentum. But that positive energy, in front of only family members at near-empty SHI Stadium in Piscataway, N.J., lasted about a quarter. Dynamic quarterback Michael Penix Jr. and No. 17 Indiana (2-0, 2-0 Big Ten) outclassed Rutgers (1-1, 1-1), scoring 24 unanswered points in a commanding 37-21 victory.

Rutgers quarterback Noah Vedral was intercepted three times — two in the span of 1:43 in the

**INDIANA  
RUTGERS** 37 21

second quarter, when a one-point Scarlet Knights lead quickly turned into a 13-point deficit. A week after producing a whopping seven takeaways, Rutgers' defense was unable to generate any, and the offense struggled to consistently move the ball.

"We're running out of firsts. We had our first win together, today we had our first loss together, and I do love the way we compete," Schiano said. "Certainly not one ounce of giving in, but it's about winning and losing."

But Schiano's team didn't stop fighting. The Scarlet Knights got within eight, 23-15, after their best drive of the game, a 10-play, 80-yard possession that was capped by Kay'Ron Adams' 37-yard touchdown run, their longest play of the game.

Penix responded quickly, however, ripping through the Rutgers defense, and pushing the lead

back to double digits with his second touchdown pass of the game, a 2-yard strike to Peyton Hendershot with 3:56 left in the third quarter.

Even down 16 points in the final minutes, the Scarlet Knights kept fighting. They nearly produced a touchdown for the ages, an eight-lateral 65-yard score on fourth-and-32 with 1:31 left that immediately went viral on Twitter. The play, however, was reviewed and overturned when Shameen Jones' lateral was ruled a forward pass.

"I didn't come back here to lose, and I'm not saying we're going to win every game or we're going to win them all right now, but we're going out there and we're playing to win," Schiano said. "So if it means going on fourth down, if it means going for two, whatever it means, that's what we're going to do."

"I promised these kids that, and as hard as they work, they deserve that."

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# Recovering Kahnle hits free agent market

By GEORGE A. KING III

Right-handed reliever Tommy Kahnle is free to talk to all clubs, after he opted for free agency over an outright assignment by the Yankees on Saturday.

What kind of interest the 31-year-old draws remains to be seen, since he isn't expected to pitch in the 2021 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery in the first week of August.

Clearly, the team that signs Kahnle is looking toward 2022, by which time Kahnle will have worked one inning in the previous two years.

Kahnle delivered a solid 2019 season, in which he appeared in a career-high 72 games, tossed 61 1/3 innings, allowed 45 hits, struck out 88, issued 20 walks and posted a 3.67 ERA. He followed that by appearing in eight postseason games, in which he posted a 2.25 ERA.

Armed with a mid-90s fastball and a change-up that is effective enough to handle left-handed hitters, Kahnle was looked upon as an important part of what was expected to be a dominant Yankees bullpen this past season.

Instead, Kahnle's season consisted of one inning in the third game of the season, July 26 at Washington. Asked to protect a 3-2 lead in the eighth in-



**TOMMY KAHNLE**

ning, Kahnle had to work around a bases-loaded situation sparked by a one-out throwing error by shortstop Gleyber Torres. After the error, Adam Eaton doubled before Kahnle struck out Starlin Castro and intentionally walked Howie Kendrick to load the bases. Kahnle stranded three by striking out the left-handed hitting Eric Thames with a change-up.

Acquired from the White Sox with Todd Frazier and David Robertson in July 2017, Kahnle spent parts of four seasons with the Yankees, who had drafted him the fifth round in 2010 out of Lynn University. In 129 games for the Yankees, Kahnle was 6-3 with a 4.01 ERA. For his career, Kahnle is 9-9 with a 3.82 ERA pitching for the Rockies, White Sox and Yankees.

## Post Weather Report

### Sunday



**Today:** Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain. High 53 to 59.

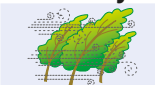
**Tonight:** A couple of downpours early. Low 34 to 40.

### Tuesday

Partly sunny. High 45 to 51.

**Evening** Mainly clear. Low 37 to 43.

### Monday



**Tomorrow:** Very windy; colder with some sun. High 40 to 46.

**Tomorrow night:** Clear to partly cloudy. Low 35 to 41.

### Wednesday

Sunshine. High 54 to 60.

**Evening** Mostly clear. Low 45 to 51.

## Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 12PM

### Temperature

High: 42, Low: 32, Mean: 37

### Departure from Normal

Yesterday: -15 degrees

### Precipitation

Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 5.05", Year: 36.75", Normal year to date: 42.04"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....28

Total for the month (normal).....222 (268)

Total since July 1 (normal).....258 (310)

Last season to date.....184

Wind Chill (at noon yest.).....42

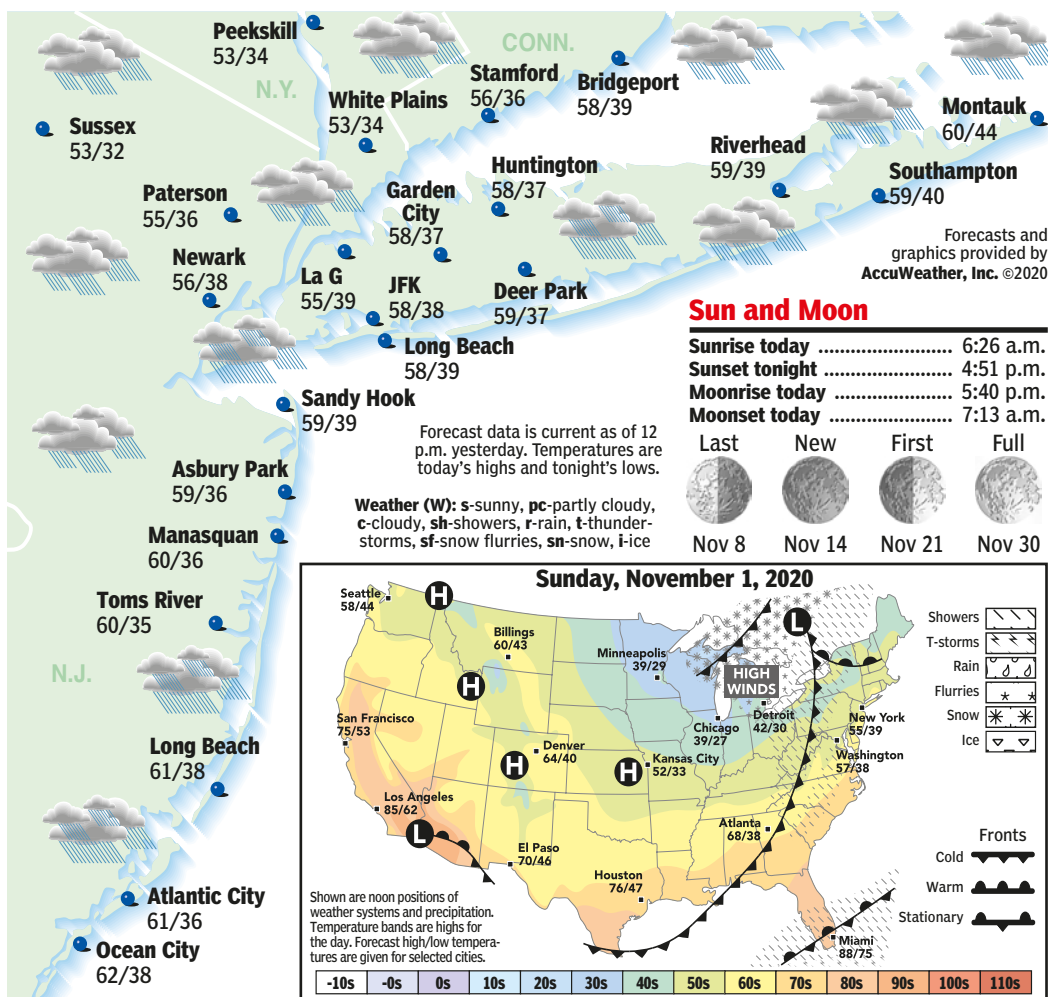
UV index (for Sun.).....1 (Low)

Humidity (at noon).....47%

### AIR QUALITY

Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Ragweed

AQI rating: (for Sun.).....Good



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### New York Tides

|                            | TODAY     |           | TOMORROW  |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| High Tide for Coney Island | 1st 7:47a | 2nd 8:11p | 1st 8:18a | 2nd 8:47p |
| Fire Island                | 7:54a     | 8:07p     | 8:29a     | 8:42p     |
| Hempstead                  | 12:31a    | 11:24a    | 11:50a    | ---       |
| Huntington                 | 12:25a    | 11:28a    | 12:01p    | ---       |
| Jones Inlet                | 7:31a     | 7:55p     | 8:02a     | 8:31p     |
| Montauk Point              | 9:06a     | 9:29p     | 9:46a     | 10:11p    |
| Port Washington            | 12:42a    | 11:24a    | 11:47a    | ---       |
| Sandy Hook                 | 7:51a     | 8:15p     | 8:22a     | 8:51p     |

### Regional cities

|                  | TODAY    | TOMORROW |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Albany           | 49/31/sh | 36/30/pc |
| Danbury          | 54/34/r  | 41/34/pc |
| Glens Falls      | 49/32/sh | 38/31/pc |
| Gr Barrington    | 50/32/r  | 35/31/sf |
| Kingston         | 51/33/r  | 41/32/sf |
| Liberty          | 47/30/r  | 34/30/pc |
| Monticello       | 47/30/r  | 35/30/pc |
| Newburgh         | 53/34/r  | 41/35/sf |
| Poughkeepsie     | 53/35/r  | 42/33/pc |
| Saratoga Springs | 49/33/sh | 38/31/pc |
| Stroudsburg      | 50/32/r  | 40/33/pc |
| Torrington       | 52/33/r  | 39/33/sf |
| Syracuse         | 51/32/sh | 38/35/sf |

### World cities

|                | TODAY    | TOMORROW |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Athens         | 73/55/pc | 69/57/pc |
| Baghdad        | 93/64/s  | 94/65/s  |
| Beijing        | 63/39/s  | 57/28/pc |
| Berlin         | 57/54/r  | 65/51/pc |
| Cairo          | 81/65/c  | 79/63/s  |
| Dublin         | 53/46/r  | 50/41/r  |
| Geneva         | 62/52/pc | 67/52/pc |
| Hong Kong      | 80/72/pc | 83/70/pc |
| Jerusalem      | 74/62/s  | 70/59/t  |
| Kabul          | 71/35/s  | 73/35/s  |
| London         | 62/57/r  | 61/43/sh |
| Madrid         | 68/47/s  | 70/54/pc |
| Mexico City    | 75/49/pc | 66/44/pc |
| Montreal       | 48/36/r  | 37/29/pc |
| Moscow         | 42/35/pc | 44/40/c  |
| Paris          | 64/61/r  | 69/47/sh |
| Rio de Janeiro | 70/65/sh | 71/65/sh |
| Rome           | 66/48/pc | 66/49/pc |
| Sydney         | 68/60/c  | 70/59/pc |
| Tokyo          | 68/55/pc | 74/59/pc |



New Nets coach Steve Nash takes a timeout from a hectic offseason for some Q&A with Post columnist Steve Serby.

**Q: You don't feel any pressure in this job, or you don't feel like you will?**

A: No, I feel pressure. I love pressure. I think that's what makes it fun, that's what allowed me to change coasts and go from a really wonderful life and a stay-at-home dad with various projects. ... You want to play for something. You want to have pressure, and try to fight and build and overcome and collaborate and build something that is winning and sustainable.

**Q: What tells you that you are ready, as a rookie head coach, to coach a team that has championship aspirations and expectations?**

A: Desire, belief and support. We have a great organization here, tons of support, tons of talent ... this is not [just] me, this is us ... This will be a great collaboration.

**Q: Do you approach it as championship or bust?**

A: Not championship or bust, but we're playing for a championship, that's our goal. I think it's silly, the championship-or-bust, you never know. You have to have health, you have to have luck to win a championship. It's not as simple as one plus one equals two, but we are playing for a championship. We are saying that out loud. That's how we're going to frame all the decisions we make and the effort and intensity that we train and play with.

**Q: What won't you tolerate?**

A: Lack of effort.

**Q: What would it mean to you to win a championship as a rookie coach after never winning one as a player?**

A: It would mean everything to me, but honestly, it's not about me. I would be thrilled for our group, for the players, for the coaches. ... Honestly, I would get as much joy, more joy, out of seeing our players, coaching staff, all departments win than the feeling I would get about me being a winner. To me, I love being a part of a group, part of a team, and seeing other people happy and succeed is as rewarding as anything and more rewarding than the individual glory. It would be unbelievable just to be a part of that, but to see everyone else's satisfaction would mean the world to me.

**Q: Will you use some of the experienced coaches that you know as resources?**

A: Without them knowing, I have. I've been watching, taking notes, listening, learning, reading. I have great hopes that I can speak to as many of them as possible.

**Q: Would Gregg Popovich be one of them?**

A: If I had to have a coaching idol, he'd be way, way up there. His teams look and feel incredibly connected and competitive. They don't beat themselves, and he has the winning résumé to prove it.

**Q: Why do you think you were such a fan favorite when you played?**

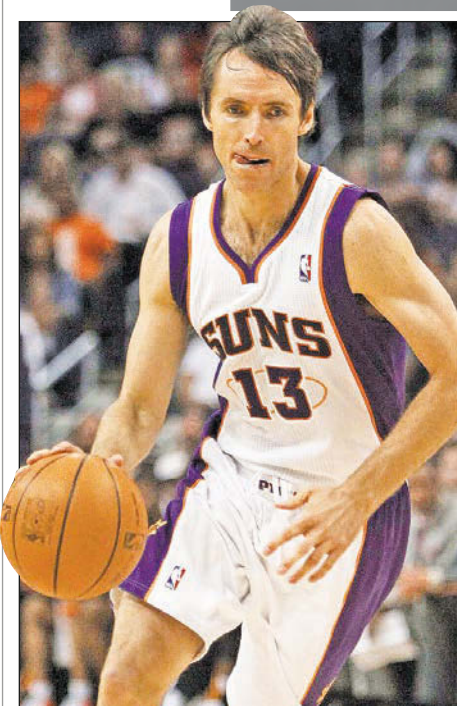
A: I'll try to answer this without bragging, but I think a great competitor, great passion for the sport. You could probably see the amount of hours to put into it through my skill level, and then I was an underdog. I wasn't as big, strong, fast as many of my competitors, and I found a way to survive in the game.

**Q: What made Steve Nash a Hall of Fame player?**

A: Sacrifice. Maybe that's second to the passion for the sport. If you have a passion

## SERBY'S SUNDAY Q&A WITH

# STEVE NASH



**COURTING COACH:** Former point guard Steve Nash will bring his years of All-Star play to the bench as the new coach for the Nets this season, with the goal being an NBA title in his first year on the bench.

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for something — like I had a passion for improving — you're willing to make the sacrifices. You're willing to do it day after day, year after year. And when you put all those days and weeks, months, years together, you give yourself a chance to have that type of career.

**Q: Describe the first time you saw Kyrie Irving play.**

A: That's a tough question because I'm sure I saw him play in college once or twice, but barely remember it. ... When you watch someone play hundreds of times, it's harder to remember the first time. But it was obviously clear to me what a prodigious skill level he had and a flair for the game.

**Q: Did he remind you at all of Isiah Thomas?**

A: Yeah, sure. They're two guys that were incredibly skilled and creative, and Isiah was my idol, so I can definitely see the

comparisons straight away.

**Q: The first time you saw Kevin Durant play?**

A: Possibilities. Watched him play at Texas with that length, mobility and shooting touch. You could see the potential, and how he's filled it has been kind of the advancement of that. It was remarkable to see someone [with] that length, ability and shooting touch ... skills. We've never really had anyone like that, and it was obvious.

**Q: What will your leadership style be?**

A: Positive ... collaborative ... and hopefully someone that can build a team in connectivity and a toughness.

**Q: Describe the day you learned about the Kobe Bryant tragedy.**

A: I was playing tennis in L.A., and I felt ... almost nothing, in that I just went cold and numb, and I don't know if it was a defense mechanism, shock or ... It took me a long time to really — and I still think I'm coming to grips with it's actually true. It doesn't feel real. Having competed my whole career against him, playing with him for a year basically, I hadn't seen him probably since 2016, and so, you always feel like he's there and we'll cross paths one day again. It's been very difficult for me to come to grips with it.

**Q: What drives you now?**

A: I love to teach. I love to lead and mentor. I love to collaborate and be a part of a team fabric. And I love to compete.

**Q: Who are coaches you admire in other sports?**

A: [Former Tottenham Hotspur manager] Mauricio Pochettino ... [Manchester City manager] Pep Guardiola ... [Liverpool manager] Jurgen Klopp ... [Patriots coach] Bill Belichick.

**Q: Why Belichick?**

A: He's a master at game-planning and roster-building philosophy. His ability to implement and execute his game plan, it's outstanding.

**Q: Who are athletes in other sports you admire?**

A: Anyone on Tottenham Hotspur ... Lionel Messi ... [Roger] Federer, [Rafael] Nadal and [Novak] Djokovic ... Ken Griffey Jr. ... Tom Brady.

**Q: What is your definition of a point guard?**

A: Well, that's changed. When I was growing up, a point guard was a player that ran the club, tried to make sure others were involved, balance the floor, organize to

make plays and then, finally, would score when needed. Nowadays, that's not the case. It's more positionless basketball, where each guy has a little bit more ability to make plays, bring balance to the team, and it's all about having as many guys as possible on the floor who can attack. And oftentimes, that's the point guard.

**Q: Describe your on-court mentality when you played.**

A: To attack, be aggressive and make plays for my team.

**Q: What was it like playing against Allen Iverson?**

A: It was awesome playing against Allen, great competitor, played our whole careers against each other. Such a dynamic ball-handler, penetrator, shotmaker. The toughest thing about Allen was he gets to the foul line. You could live with some of the shooting, you could live with some of the playmaking, but he got to the line and that broke your back so many times.

**Q: Whatever comes to mind ... Dirk Nowitzki?**

A: One of my best friends. Playing together speaks for itself, that's in one bucket ... but I went to his hometown a number of times, he went to my hometown a number of times, and then recently our families have gone on multiple vacations together with the kids, and there's a certain different feeling to see his kids grow up. And for my kids to get to know his family in that way is incredibly special to me.

**Q: The young Jason Kidd?**

A: Electrifying.

**Q: Amar'e Stoudemire?**

A: I could say pride, or I could say explosiveness.

**Q: Mike D'Antoni?**

A: Brilliant.

**Q: In what way?**

A: A very unique basketball mind.

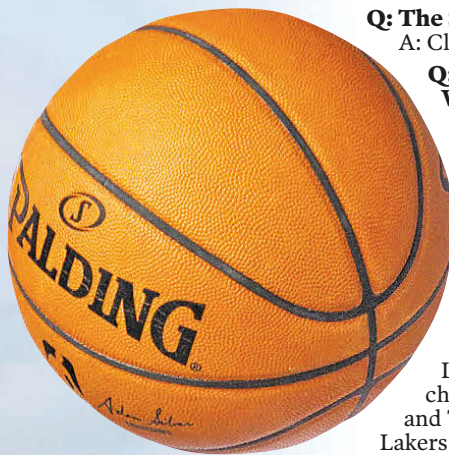
**Q: Don Nelson?**

A: Creativity.

**Q: Steve Kerr?**

A: All class.





**Q: Senator John McCain?**

A: He was a war hero.

**Q: The Spurs Way?**

A: Class.

**Q: What will the Nets Way be?**

A: I think the two things that I would lead with are "connected" and "competitive."

**Q: There was a possibility you might have gone to the Knicks in the summer of 2012?**

A: Yeah, it was between New York, Toronto and L.A. I was reserving the choice between New York and Toronto if and when that Lakers opportunity [a sign-and-trade with Phoenix] didn't arise.

**Q: When did you start licking your fingers?**

A: That happened when I got in the NBA. I think when I was playing in Phoenix, and it was just so dry in the desert. When I licked my fingers, when I got sweat on my hands with a real leather ball, looking for that tactile kind of connectivity to the ball. With a real leather ball, water actually helps you stick to the ball. With a synthetic ball, water makes it really slippery. Having some moisture helped me get over how dry it was in the air and how dry my hands got in the winters in Arizona.

**Q: What was your single most bitter defeat?**

A: In Game 4 of Suns-Spurs [2007 Western Conference semifinals], I got hip-checked [into the scorer's table] by Robert Horry. Amar'e and Boris Diaw stepped onto the court for a brief second. We won the game, but they got suspended, our two bigs, for the next game, and we were leading until the last minute playing Shawn Marion at center the whole night. That may be the most bitter defeat.

**Q: Describe the 2000 Olympics.**

A: Greatest experience of my career playing for my country [Canada]. Still very close to my teammates. It was incredible to live in the Athlete Village for 2-3 weeks.

**Q: What did it mean to you being one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People?**

A: I think I took it with a grain of salt (laugh). So many people in the world doing so many amazing things to be influential. The basketball player probably pales in comparison to ... many people doing really incredible work to help people and to advance humanity forward.

**Q: Why did you almost quit as a freshman at Santa Clara?**

A: My coach [Dick Davey] was really tough on me, and it made me wonder if I was good enough. And what I learned was that he was tough on me because he thought I was good enough, and there was a gap there before me recognizing that he's not telling me I'm not good enough, he's telling me that I can get there and he's pushing me to get there.

**Q: Why did you dribble tennis balls between classes?**

A: It's a little overblown. I probably did it a handful or a dozen times throughout my time there, but I did it just to work on my ballhandling.

**Q: Is it true that you kept your college rejection letters in a shoebox?**

A: It wasn't like I'm keeping these so that I could rub it in their faces one day. I was so removed from college basketball, especially back pre-Internet in 1991, that you could get a letter from a major program to say they don't want you, it connected me to the game a little bit, so they were all stored away somewhere for a little while.

**Q: Favorite New York City things?**

A: The people ... the history ... and the diversity.

**Q: Three dinner guests?**

A: I'm gonna double-date ... my wife and the Obamas.

**Q: Why the Obamas?**

A: I really admire them, and I think they're incredible people, intelligent and have a great capacity to care and be compassionate.

**Q: Favorite movie?**

A: When I was a kid, "Star Wars" ... "Bad News Bears." ... When I got a little older, I was really struck by "Do the Right Thing."

**Q: Favorite actor?**

A: Denzel Washington.

**Q: Favorite actress?**

A: Meryl Streep.

**Q: Favorite singer/entertainer?**

A: Bob Marley.

**Q: Favorite meal?**

A: I'm pretty strict with my diet, but at the same time, I really like almost anything, so I don't have a favorite meal.

**Q: Any regrets in life?**

A: I don't know if I believe in regrets because every time you do something that you can say you regret, it affords you so much going forward. It's an interesting question, but I'm not sure that I have regrets, just lessons.

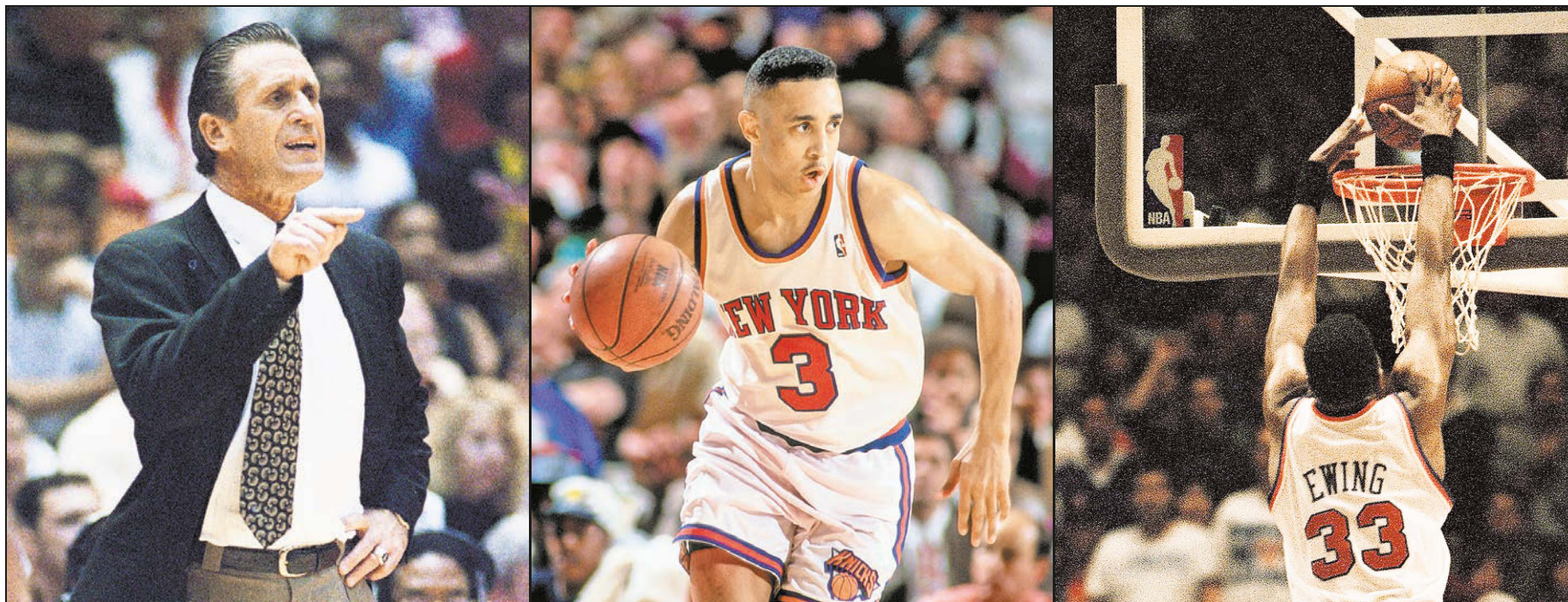
**Q: What would be your message to Brooklyn Nets fans?**

A: Support your team, encourage these guys, and we'll build something great for you and put on a show.

**"YOU HAVE TO HAVE HEALTH,  
YOU HAVE TO HAVE LUCK TO WIN  
A CHAMPIONSHIP. ... BUT WE ARE  
PLAYING FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP. WE  
ARE SAYING THAT OUT LOUD."**

**— STEVE NASH**





**THE GOOD OL' DAYS:** Pat Riley (from left), John Starks and Patrick Ewing each played a pivotal role in the Knicks' success in the 1990s, which is the subject of a pair of new books, "The Knicks of the Nineties: Ewing, Oakley, Starks and the Brawlers That Almost Won It All" and "Blood On The Hardwood: The Flagrant History of the 1990s Knicks." AP (2); Getty Images

# GARDEN OF EDEN

## Books revisit the Knicks' glory days of 1990s

By MARC BERMAN

Knicks fans will get to reminisce like it's 1999.

During this gloomy Knicks century of basketball, two books are emerging about the 1990s Knicks to brighten the day.

The first, written by lawyer-turned-author Paul Knepper, is on sale now: "The Knicks of the Nineties: Ewing, Oakley, Starks and the Brawlers That Almost Won It All."

The second, "Blood On The Hardwood: The Flagrant History of the 1990s Knicks" penned by former Wall Street Journal Knicks beat writer Chris Herring, will be published in 2021.

Knepper, who lived and died with the successes and failures of the 1990s Knicks powerhouses, started his research three years ago. He conducted interviews with 100 sources — with former Knicks and Garden president Dave Checketts turning out the most helpful.

Charles Oakley, John Starks, new Knicks head coach Tom Thibodeau (an assistant from 1996-2004), Jeff Van Gundy, Herb Williams, Charlie Ward and Chris Childs, among others, participated in the project.

As the book notes, the 10 full seasons with Pat Riley and then Van Gundy as head coach (with 59 games at the start of the 1995-96 season led by Don Nelson) netted a .628 winning percentage. The Knicks made the playoffs every season, advanced to the Eastern Conference finals four times and made it twice to the NBA Finals.

Since Van Gundy's resignation in 2001, the Knicks have employed 13 head coaches, made the playoffs four times and captured just one playoff series. Lastly, the Knicks have registered the most losses in the NBA this century.

"I don't think Golden State Warriors or Lakers fans are nostalgic right now about other eras," Knepper told The Post. "But this is a great fan base and New Yorkers love their Knicks. It's been pretty brutal to watch the last two decades and people are nostalgic for those '90s teams."

For now, the Knicks haven't played a game in nearly eight months because of the pandemic. And that might be a good thing.

"It just came to me three years ago — I think about the Knicks more than I should," Knepper added. "I'm one of those people who long for those days in the

'90s. It struck me: Someone should write a book about those days and I thought, 'Why not me?'"

Knepper uncovered a host of fresh nuggets, most interestingly about Riley's fateful decision to stick with Starks during Game 7 of the 1994 Finals versus the Rockets. The popular shooting guard clunked his way to an epically disastrous 2-of-18 shooting night — 1-for-10 in the second half.

According to "Knicks in the Nineties," Riley spent the afternoon of Game 7 hanging out in his hotel room at Houston's Ritz Carlton with close friend Dick Butera. As Riley and Butera waited for the hotel elevator to head to the arena, Riley said to Butera, "Well, buddy, I know three guys that are gonna show up tonight?"

Butera asked, "Who?" Riley replied, "You, me and John." John was John Starks.

Knepper said that boast may have been ringing in Riley's head during Starks' shooting collapse, prompting the coach to refuse to put Rolando Blackman or Hubert Davis into the game.

"Starks reminded Riley of himself," Knepper said. "I think there was an emotional attachment. He

couldn't help but believe in him. And he thought ultimately Starks would come through and start making shots."

After the Game 7 devastation, a desolate Riley bellied up to the bar in the hotel with Van Gundy (then his assistant) and Butera by his side and ordered "a vodka and coke."

The bartender politely asked Riley if he was sure because he'd never made that drink.

"He was in a trance," Butera said.

Riley, Butera and Van Gundy sat by the bar in silence for more than an hour — a silence broken only to "express their disbelief" at Starks' shooting performance.

Publicly, Riley has flip-flopped as to whether he regrets the decision. But according to the book, he confided in Checketts in 2006 it was "the biggest mistake I have ever made" and "cost us all a ring."

Also revealed was how close Checketts came to trading Patrick Ewing in 1991 during stalled contract-extension talks. Checketts flew to San Antonio to offer Spurs owner Red McCombs \$10 million and Ewing for David Robinson. McCombs turned down the offer.

An assistant under Van Gundy

from 1996-2001, Thibodeau was interviewed by Knepper in July 2019, before he took the Knicks head coaching job. He's quoted saying those late 1990s teams were "maybe beaten, but never outcompeted."

"The thing I enjoyed probably most about just being part of that staff is you felt like you were going to the best clinic in the world every day," Thibodeau said in Knepper's book. "Jeff had worked for Pat Riley, Don Nelson, [Rick] Pitino, John McLeod, and his dad was a great coach. You had Brendan Malone. He had been under Chuck Daly and Hubie Brown. You had Don Chaney, who'd been around the old Celtic teams with Red Auerbach and Bill Fitch. Jeff Nix had been under Riley, Don Nelson and worked for Digger Phelps in college. You know I had worked for [Bill] Musselman and [Jerry] Tarkanian."

"Every day, you would talk about basketball, and you'd share with each other, how would Pat Riley handle this, or what would Chuck Daly do? It was a great, great, great atmosphere."

The type of atmosphere that has gone missing from the Knicks' universe for far too long.

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OPEN MIKE

**E**VERY aggrieved sports fan has the same blueprint: Just get me a new owner, any new owner, and things are going to get better. They have to get better. Of course, they don't always get better, but that doesn't mean fans stop trying, or yearning.

Mets fans have wanted new owners for years. This week, they got one. A good proportion of Mets fans are also Jets fans, so it feels as if in a lot of hearts and minds, it's the Johnson brothers who are now on the clock. And a lot of Jets/Mets fans also root for the Knicks, so ...

We have nine teams, so we have nine examples of what ownership shifts can mean, for the good and for the bad. Almost all of them have experienced both ends of the spectrum. Let's take a look at them.

**METS:** The Wilpons became personas non grata across the past 15 years or so, and by themselves they were perfect examples of how, if you stick around long enough, you can spend time on both ends of the spectrum. When Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday bought the team from the family of original owner Joan Payson — who'd been a fine steward — they bought a wickedly depressed franchise, built it to greatness. Then, when the partnership dissolved in 2002, things slowly eroded. Though at \$2.4 billion — not that much.

**YANKEES:** The original inspired ownership shift happened in 1915 when Cols. Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston bought the team from Frank Ferrell and William Devery, eventually imported Babe Ruth, eventually built Yankee Stadium and ... well, you know. The Del Webb/Dan Topping partnership that followed helped fortify the dynasty, and it wasn't until CBS came in and bought the team in 1964 that the slide toward mediocrity began. So though George Steinbrenner spent plenty of his years angering his fans, he was the most important figure in resurrect-



**CAST OF CHARACTERS:** From George Steinbrenner to John Mara to Mikhail Prokhorov to John Spano, New York has run the gamut when it comes to successful and unsuccessful owners of our sports teams.

## A MIXED BAG

### The best and worst of NY's team owners

ing the franchise's past standing.

**GIANTS:** It's pretty simple: The \$500 Tim Mara plunked down in 1925 to buy the football Giants remains the smartest purchase of any team in any league ever. The family's relationship with fans has, out of time and familiarity, been hot-and-cold (as beloved as Wellington was late in life, he was reviled for many years in the '60s and '70s, to a degree even the unpopular turn his

son, John, has lately experienced hasn't come close). Adding the Tisch family as an equal partner 30 years ago was another inspired stroke.

**JETS:** It's kind of funny to see how much Jets fans have grown to revile the Johnson brothers because it allows an amnesia about just how disliked Leon Hess was. Hess, remember, was the one who forced Sonny Werblin out back in the day

and oversaw a mostly miserable era in Jets history — and also was responsible for the Jets abandoning New York City for North Jersey in 1983. In some ways, it's amazing the Jets have been able to keep the doors open as long as they have.

**KNICKS/RANGERS:** The dichotomy between James Dolan, de-tested Knicks owner, and James Dolan, beloved Rangers owner, is only the latest example of a remarkably unique situation with the Garden and its prime tenants, one that has survived any number of corporate bundlings (and bunglings) from Gulf and Western on.

**NETS:** It's perfect that the Nets have had a one-man sublime/ridiculous showcase (Roy Boe), because this is a team that has enjoyed and endured its share of ownership follies, from the Secaucus Seven to Lewis Katz to Mikhail Prokhorov. New owner Joseph Tsai does seem to be more in line with the brief but highly competent YankeeNets days of the early 2000s (not surprisingly, a time overseen by Lou Lamoriello).

**ISLANDERS:** Boe, of course was a part of this franchise at the start. And though its greatest glories came under the watch of John O. Pickett, it would seem that the present ownership led by Jon Le-decky may well be the model for all other ownerships in New York and elsewhere, a so-far note-perfect run that has done wonders in finally dissolving the memory of John Spano, who was the worst owner in the history of New York sports.

**DEVILS:** All hail to John McMullen, who not only brought the team to town from Denver but also came up with one of the great sports quotes of all time: "There is nothing more limiting than being a limited partner for George Steinbrenner." Though Jeff Vanderbeek's time included some financial peril, the present owners, David Blitzer and Josh Harris, have proven to be savvy owners (who very nearly added the Mets to their stash of teams).

## VAC'S WHACKS

It would seem that even as **Justin Turner** became one of baseball's biggest stars and best stories after being exiled by the Mets, he still retained a little bit of his original "knuckleheaded pie guy" persona.

► It did seem an odd way to go out of the 2020 baseball season — a year in which we lost **Tom Seaver**, **Whitey Ford** and **Bob Gibson** (642 complete games between them) — with **Kevin Cash** taking the ball from **Blake Snell**, and Snell offering a one-word commentary on the maneuver that, likely, was exactly the same one Seaver, Ford and Gibson would have given if it had been them on the mound in Arlington, Texas.

► Godspeed to **Sean Connery**. As Malone himself might have put it in "The Untouchables," if confronted by the continuing scourge of 2020: You can't bring a knife to a gun fight.

► Something tells me it might not have worked out so well if either of the locals had gone with **Mike McCarthy**. Of course ... "not working out" is something of a relative term when it comes to the locals.



**David Rocco:** So glad this Mets mess is over. I would've loved to be a fly on the wall when Bill de Blasio got the phone call from some powerbroker and told him to butt out. It's officially a great day to be a Mets fan.

**Vac:** Some day, when the Bill de Blasio movie is released, the 73 people who will make sure to see it will talk for weeks about

the Mets chapter of it.

**Scott Wolinetz:** How to make a guy like Steve Cohen sympathetic: Take the worst mayor in the history of our great city, add to it the least popular Yankee of all time, add in some

backdoor shenanigans and poof: Steve Cohen is the belle of the ball. Tough thing to do actually.

**Vac:** That is a more brilliant formula than  $E=mc^2$ .

**@nyse575:** I look forward to

reading your column on the Johnsons when they sell the Jets.

**@MikeVacc:** There is no sporting envy more powerful than when-do-I-get-to-exile-MY-lousy-owner sporting envy.

**Steve Scotti:** If Trevor Lawrence goes back to school, he really has nothing else to prove and risks getting injured. If he is as good as everybody keeps saying and he thinks he is, come out and play for whoever picks you and prove everyone right.

**Vac:** The Jets, for one, like the way you think, Steve.

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| Colts 2.5 (50.5) LIONS (1:00)                       | Lions          | Lions       | Lions           | Colts         | Colts       | Lions         | ★ Colts     | Lions        | Lions        | Lions        |
| PACKERS 7 (51.5) Vikings (1:00, Fox)                | Packers        | Vikings     | Packers         | ★ Packers     | Vikings     | ★ Packers     | ★ Packers   | Packers      | Vikings      | Packers      |
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| Rams 3.5 (45.5) DOLPHINS (1:00)                     | ★ Rams         | ★ Dolphins  | Rams            | ★ Rams        | ★ Dolphins  | Rams          | Rams        | Dolphins     | Dolphins     | Rams         |
| RAVENS 4 (45.5) Steelers (1:00)                     | Ravens         | Steelers    | Ravens          | Steelers      | Ravens      | Ravens        | Ravens      | Steelers     | ★ Ravens     | ★ Steelers   |
| Chargers 3 (44.5) BRONCOS (4:05)                    | Broncos        | Broncos     | Chargers        | Chargers      | Broncos     | Chargers      | Broncos     | Chargers     | ★ Broncos    | Broncos      |
| SEAHAWKS 3 (53.5) 49ers (4:25)                      | Seahawks       | 49ers       | Seahawks        | 49ers         | ★ Seahawks  | Seahawks      | 49ers       | ★ Seahawks   | 49ers        | 49ers        |
| Saints 4 (43.5) BEARS (4:25, Fox)                   | ★ Saints       | Bears       | Saints          | Bears         | Bears       | Saints        | ★ Saints    | Bears        | Saints       | ★ Saints     |
| EAGLES 9 (42.5) Cowboys (8:20, NBC)                 | Eagles         | Cowboys     | ★ Eagles        | Eagles        | Eagles      | Cowboys       | Cowboys     | Eagles       | Eagles       | Eagles       |
| Bucs 10.5 (45.5) GIANTS (Mon., 8:15, PIX11, ESPN)   | Giants         | Giants      | Giants          | Bucs          | Giants      | Giants        | Giants      | Giants       | Giants       | Bucs         |

Home Team in CAPS ★ Best Bet Bye week: Cardinals, Jaguars, Texans, Washington Lines reprinted from Friday's Bettor's Guide. For updated lines, see Page 52.

SUNDAY

**49ers (+3) over SEAHAWKS:** Seattle boasts enviable energy, along with the redoubtable Russell Wilson — but you can't lay beaucoup points with them against sound teams, given their pliable defense, frequently placed in deep jeopardy by their habitual turn-over carelessness. The visitors rise to this challenge, snaring another win in the face of market doubters.



**Richard Witt**  
Game Day

**CHIEFS (-19.5) over Jets:** Kansas City is marking time, looking to avoid peaking too soon, with relatively easy pickings on the docket until after Thanksgiving — so not anticipating any huge upset. Thus, Chiefs should produce sufficient output to hold Gang Green at more than arm's length.

# Bet on Niners is finer vs. Hawks

**LIONS (+2.5) over Colts:** Indianapolis hunkered down last week after yielding the Bengals a long, lonesome lead. The Colts field a solid defense, on paper — though they haven't beaten much, and life is likely to get much tougher over the next month-plus. The home side is revived a ton, and Kenny Golladay is in stroke. LB Darius Leonard projects he'll be back from injury for this — check status.

**PACKERS (-7) over Vikings:** The Minnesota secondary remains diminished, by 2019 standards — which leaves the visitors behind the 8-ball when attempting to trade downfield strikes with Aaron Rodgers and his confident brace of receivers. The market invites investment in a potential seasonal-sweep performance. RB Dalvin Cook is expected back for Vikings.

**Patriots (+4) over BILLS:** Patriots (+4) over BILLS: We can't deny

the Pats likely are approaching the end of their nearly two-decade reign of terror — but that doesn't mean they're fatally vulnerable. Still, the underdog is expected to be without stalwarts Julian Edelman and N'Keal Harry. Bills have regressed. Projected winds may affect scoring, should they creep over 20 mph.

**BENGALS (+5.5) over Titans:** Tennessee is coming off its third game in 13 days, when it didn't show up against the Steelers until it was too late. Cincinnati has served us well — but Bengals RB Joe Mixon may be sidelined again this week. Multiple injuries on Cincinnati's offensive side concern, as well, but Tennessee is a historically bad road favorite against unfamiliar sides. Joe Burrow!

**Raiders (+3) over BROWNS:** Cleveland's remaining schedule outside of their division is friendly to their postseason ambitions, but this is no lock — though

if the Raiders get some of their walking wounded back, give the visitors a solid shot. The Browns will miss key wideout Odell Beckham Jr. Neither defense is a powerhouse. Anticipated winds could hinder passing games.

**Rams (-3.5) over DOLPHINS:** L.A. team is a long way from home, off a Monday night. ... But Miami is making the move from Ryan Fitzpatrick to precious high draft choice Tua Tagovailoa under center. Market price compels a strong lean to the superior road chalk.

**Chargers (-3) over BRONCOS:** Appears to us that wise heads played up the right side off the "pick" opening quote. The visitors' bright young quarterback Justin Herbert gives every indication he could be better than good, and the Bolts should prevail if they commit to strong pass rush, designed to keep Broncos defense honest.

**BEARS (+4) over Saints:** Removed from its natural habitat, Chicago looked out of step when it couldn't keep pace with the Rams on the Left Coast. The Saints appeared advantaged against defensively weakened Panthers, narrowly escaping. Key Saints pass target Michael Thomas isn't expected to play. Powerhouse Bears LB Khalil Mack (knee) is iffy. Home side wideout Allen Robinson even less likely — check status.

**RAVENS (-4) over Steelers:** "They" were trying to tell you something with the opener (Baltimore, -6). Steelers Nation proceeded to send it in. No question about it, The Ravens need this more, especially with the Browns in hot pursuit in tightly contested AFC North.

**EAGLES (-9) over Cowboys:** Early market participants (opened Philly -1.5) were climb-



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| Blezow     | 55 | 46 | 4 | .543 | 6  |
| Charleen   | 54 | 47 | 4 | .533 | 7  |
| Kussoy     | 50 | 51 | 4 | .495 | 11 |
| Serby      | 50 | 51 | 4 | .495 | 11 |
| Loftis     | 48 | 53 | 4 | .476 | 13 |
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| Schwartz   | 43 | 58 | 4 | .429 | 18 |
| Costello   | 42 | 59 | 4 | .419 | 19 |

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| Costello   | 11 | 8  | 2 | .571 | 5     |
| Serby      | 11 | 9  | 1 | .548 | 5 1/2 |
| Charleen   | 9  | 11 | 1 | .452 | 7 1/2 |
| Schwartz   | 9  | 11 | 1 | .452 | 7 1/2 |
| Cannizzaro | 8  | 13 | 0 | .381 | 9     |
| Blezow     | 7  | 12 | 2 | .381 | 9     |
| Loftis     | 6  | 15 | 0 | .286 | 11    |

# defense

ing over each other to avoid being run over. Seventh-round pick Ben DiNucci (out of James Madison) is slated to make his first start for Dallas, with Andy Dalton due back next week. Eagles are healthier, given likely happy returns of OL Jason Peters, TE Dallas Goedert and wideout Jalen Reagor.

## MONDAY

### Buccaneers (-10.5) over GIANTS:

Tom Brady's exquisite sense of career timing continues. Brady's Bucs are prominent among NFC favorites to represent at the Super Bowl — which will be played at the Bucs' home field. Tampa Bay can do this, even without an intense defensive effort, even with the absence of WR Chris Godwin and his broken finger. Giants' Daniel Jones remains the league's pacesetter turn-over machine.

**LAST WEEK:** 7-5-1.

**SEASON:** 50-44-5.

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INCONCEIVABLE as it may sound, the Patriots' chances of winning the AFC East — and possibly even making the playoffs — might be over by dinner-time Sunday.

Such is the precarious position in which the Patriots find themselves playing at Buffalo on Sunday. The Bills have the rare chance to bury the Patriots before Thanksgiving.

A Bills win would give them a 6-2 record and a 3 1/2-game lead over New England, which would drop to 2-5 with its fourth consecutive loss. The Patriots enter the game having lost three in a row for the first time since 2002.

Since 2001, the Patriots have a 92-25 record against AFC East opponents. They've won their past seven games against the Bills, who are seeking their first AFC East title since 1995.

Now, thanks to spotty quarterback play post-Tom Brady with Cam Newton struggling and their top receiver Julian Edelman out with a knee injury, the Patriots are reeling.

There was even a report during the week that New England is ready to start selling off its roster, readying for a massive rebuilding process — beginning possibly with cornerback Stephon Gilmore, the reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year and a former Bill.

That's all shocking stuff, considering that the Patriots have won the AFC East title the past 11 seasons and in 16 of the past 17 years.

Newton, who was benched during last week's blowout loss to the 49ers, but will remain the starter, has thrown just two touchdown passes to seven interceptions while rushing for five scores. It's hardly out of the question, if he struggles again Sunday, that Bill Belichick would turn to Jarrett Stidham again.

Newton this week has ac-

# Pats on mat



**NEWTON'S FLAW:** Cam Newton and the Patriots have lost their sense of invincibility after three straight defeats. A loss Sunday at Buffalo would put their 11-year streak of AFC East titles in serious jeopardy.

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## Bills can bury New England's chance to extend dominance

knowledge that his job is in a tenuous place.

"Losing is not acceptable in this locker room, in this county, in this state, in this area, in this region," Newton said. "So, Cameron Newton, you need to pick your 'expletive' up."

The chances are Belichick is going to lean heavily on his running attack — which has been New England's strength, ranked fourth in the league in average yards per game with 155. And, defending the run has not been a strength for the Bills, who have allowed 126.7 rushing yards per game and 4.6 yards per carry.

Neither Buffalo coach Sean

McDermott (0-6) nor quarterback Josh Allen (0-3) has beaten the Patriots. In three games against New England, Allen has completed just 48.4 percent of his passes for 578 yards, three TDs and five INTs.

The matchup of the game figures to be Gilmore against Bills top receiver Stefon Diggs — if Gilmore plays. With his name a part of trade rumors this week, Gilmore appeared on the New England injury report with a knee ailment. If the Patriots truly are trying to move Gilmore by the Tuesday trade deadline, it's possible they won't play him in order to avoid the risk of injury.

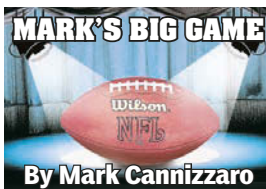
McDermott, despite the chance to separate from the Patriots, has predictably stayed away from giving off that impression at all.

"We're focused on one game right now," he told reporters. "We're in late October-early November. That's really what we're focused on right now."

Asked if he saw the game as a chance for the Bills to prove themselves, McDermott said, "You prove yourself every week in the NFL."

Bills center Mitch Morse echoed McDermott's caution.

"I see a Bill Belichick-run team that is still very solid," Morse said, according to the Buffalo News. "I think that 2-4 record doesn't show how talented this football team is. And I think we're treating it like we're playing the New England Patriots, and that's a team that's formidable and a team that's well-coached. If we don't bring our absolute, very best, we can be embarrassed come Sunday."



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**PATRIOTS AT BILLS**

1 p.m.

DTV 705

45, light rain



**TITANS AT BENGALS**

1 p.m.

DTV 706

45, mostly cloudy



**COLTS AT LIONS**

1 p.m.

DTV 707

Indoors



**JETS AT CHIEFS**

1 p.m.

CBS

44, clear, sunny



**STEELERS AT RAVENS**

1 p.m.

DTV 709

51, rain



**RAIDERS AT BROWNS**

1 p.m.

DTV 710

45, light rain, windy



**VIKINGS AT PACKERS**

1 p.m.

Fox

34, windy, overcast



**RAMS AT DOLPHINS**

1p.m.

DTV 712

85, humid



**NFL POWER RANKINGS**  
By Drew Loftis

Team Last week

1. **Steelers (6-0)** 1

2. **Chiefs (6-1)** 2

3. **Ravens (5-1)** 3

4. **Seahawks (5-1)** 4

5. **Titans (5-1)** 5

6. **Buccaneers (5-2)** 9

↑ Warning to those above:  
The slightest hiccup could get you leapfrogged by these Bucs.

7. **Packers (5-1)** 6

8. **Rams (5-2)** 7

9. **Bills (5-2)** 8

10. **Saints (4-2)** 10

11. **Cardinals (5-2)** 12

12. **49ers (4-3)** 11

13. **Colts (4-2)** 13

14. **Bears (5-2)** 14

15. **Browns (5-2)** 16

16. **Raiders (3-3)** 17

17. **Eagles (2-4-1)** 19

18. **Patriots (2-4)** 15

19. **Dolphins (3-3)** 20

20. **Lions (3-3)** 25

21. **Falcons (2-6)** 26

22. **Panthers (3-5)** 18

23. **Texans (1-6)** 22

24. **Chargers (2-4)** 23

25. **Broncos (2-4)** 24

26. **Vikings (1-5)** 27

27. **Bengals (1-5-1)** 28

28. **Washington (2-5)** 30

29. **Giants (1-6)** 31

30. **Cowboys (2-5)** 21

↓ A defense that can't stop anyone — even Washington — and now an offense that can't move the ball. Not a good combo.

31. **Jaguars (1-6)** 29

32. **Jets (0-7)** 32

# STEEL UNDEFEATED

## Pittsburgh puts league's lone unbeaten mark on line vs. rival Ravens

THE STEELERS belong to Pittsburgh every bit as much as the old mills and smokestacks, which polluted the air and left buildings and clothes covered in soot, once did.

From the days of stogie-chomping Art “The Chief” Rooney and the Steel Curtain dynasty, to Terrible Towels waving at Three Rivers Stadium and Heinz Field, to the late Myron Cope on radio, to today, the Steelers have remained devoted to representing and reflecting the black-and-gold collar fans who live and die with this football team.

And now we have a 6-0 Steelers team steeling for another bare knuckles brawl at Baltimore (5-1), lifted by the return of Big Ben Roethlisberger from an elbow injury that cost him most of last season. It has been 12 years since Big Ben won his second Super Bowl, 12 years since the Steelers won their sixth Super Bowl championship, and they are driven to win their seventh and break a franchise tie at the top with the Patriots.

Bill Cowher, who won Super Bowl XL, won't soon forget the Steelers of Chuck Noll — Terry Bradshaw and Franco Harris and Lynn Swann and Mike Webster and John Stallworth and Mean Joe Greene and L.C. Greenwood and Jack Lambert and Jack Ham and Mel Blount — because he grew up 10 miles from Three Rivers Stadium in Crafton, Pa., delivering the Pittsburgh Press in the afternoon from ages 8-12. They called Pittsburgh the “City of Champions” after the

Steelers and Pirates ruled the 1979 season.

“No. 1, there’s a tradition of winning that goes beyond when I was there, starting with Chuck Noll with what he did back in the ‘70s,” Cowher told Serby Says, “and with that expectation of winning, also there comes a responsibility that goes with that, which is carrying yourself a certain way.

I think it starts at the very top, it started with Dan Rooney, it started with The Chief before him, and still continues now with Art Rooney [II, Art Rooney Sr.’s grandson].

“They understand that there’s a core value that you have and certain players that you want to have around that you build off of, that you continually build through. Your type of player that you want to be able to carry on your legacy, and then they teach it to the young players. There’s a certain professionalism that goes with it, there’s a certain selflessness that goes with it, there’s a certain set of expectations that goes with being a Pittsburgh Steeler.”

Defensive end Brett Keisel, who played from 2002-14 for Cowher and Mike Tomlin, was asked for his definition of a Steeler.

“My definition would just be tough, gritty, hard-working, bring your lunch pail, your hardhat, to work kind of mentality,” Keisel said by phone. “That’s the steel industry. The city was founded by men and families of that nature.”

Once a Steeler, always a Steeler. Sometimes, only a Steeler.

“You get a taste of reality when you go to Latrobe [for training camp] and you see Steeler Nation and you see the fight that these men go through just to make the team every year,” Keisel said. “You also see the family side of the locker room, the camaraderie, the brotherhood about being a Pittsburgh Steeler, so you immediately want to have that for your whole football life. It’s a special town to play football for. It’s awesome to feel the buzz right now, because we felt it quite a few times while we were playing there. But the football team means a ton to the city, and when the team’s doing good, we’re doing good.”

The team’s going good, with Roethlisberger looking nothing like a 38-year-old quarterback.

“He looks better than I’ve ever seen,” Keisel said.

Big Ben is getting the ball out of his hand with unprecedented speed. “It’s one of those situations you come back with a renewed refreshness for the game,” Cowher said. “Sometimes you don’t realize what you have till it’s taken away. You’re seeing him become more comfortable with this group of receivers. He’s always seen the field very well, but I’m impressed each week with the accuracy, particularly on some of the deep balls he’s that thrown.”

Rookie receiver Chase Claypool provides Big Ben with a Plaxico Burress-esque weapon.

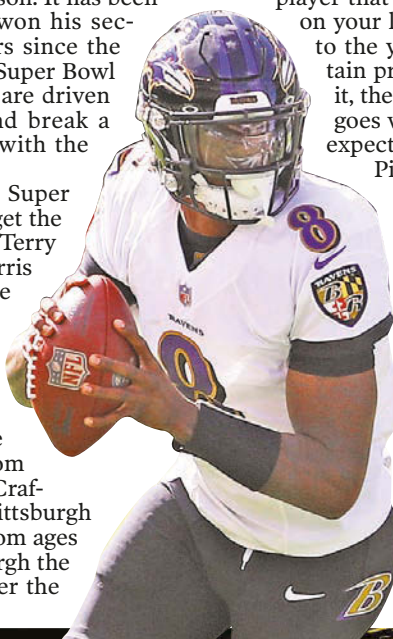
“Chase is one of those guys that’s a big target, can high point a ball,” Cowher said. “A very selfless player. He can run with it as well. He really is a great complement to Dontae Johnson and JuJu Smith-Schuster, and James Washington as well.”

Bruising running back James Conner kills the body so the head dies.

“Looks like a man running with a sense of purpose,” Cowher said. “It’s really nice to know that



by Steve Serby







### CHARGERS AT BRONCOS

1 p.m.

DTV 713

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sunny

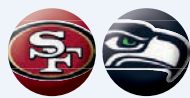


### SAINTS AT BEARS

4:05 p.m.

Fox

36, mostly cloudy,  
windy



### 49ERS AT SEAHAWKS

4:25 p.m.

DTV 714

55, clear,  
sunny

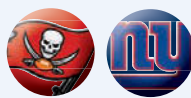


### COWBOYS AT EAGLES

8:20 p.m.

NBC

52, light rain



### BUCCANEERS AT GIANTS

Monday, 8:15 p.m.

PIX11, ESPN

38, clear



### BYE WEEKS

Cardinals, Jaguars,  
Texans, Washington

# Tua call right on time

**THAT'S JUST PERFECT:**  
(From top) Ben  
Roethlisberger, Chase  
Claypool and coach Mike  
Tomlin have enjoyed a 6-0  
start to the season — the  
lone remaining unbeaten  
team. Sunday they face  
Lamar Jackson (far left)  
and the 5-1 Ravens.

in the course of a fourth quarter you can finish games, and that to me is what the Steelers have always been able to do. In the National Football League, games are not won in the first, second and third quarters.”

There will never be another Steel Curtain in Pittsburgh, and the loss of linebacker Devin Bush (torn ACL) hurts, but Cowher draws a parallel between T.J. Watt (5.5 sacks) and Bud Dupree (5 sacks) and the yesteryear tandems of Greg Lloyd-Kevin Greene, Jason Gilden-Joey Porter and James Harrison-LaMarr Woodley.

“Bud Dupree is a great complement to T.J.,” Cowher said. “When you play that defense in Pittsburgh, it’s about the bookends that you have on that defensive front. These two bookends right now, they complement each other and they know how to set an edge.”

Keisel played with Troy Polamalu and feels that safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, acquired by trade 14 months ago, could have a similar impact.

“I think getting him last year changed everything,” Cowher said. “They got Stephen Tuitt back this year. He missed almost all of last year, and I think under the radar he’s having a Pro Bowl season, along with Cam Heyward. They’re really good at every level.”

Since Noll began his Hall of Fame career in 1969, the Steelers have had three head coaches. Tomlin’s championship came in Super Bowl XLIII.

“Mike has a great feel for his players, and I think Mike has also been able to get a good feel for a coaching staff that he’s put together,” Cowher said. “[General manager] Kevin Colbert’s been there since the year 2000 in the middle of my tenure. Mike has put his own little niche on this football team. It’s about carrying yourself in a professional manner, about representing your city, your organization, your team, doing things a certain way, no one person’s bigger than the team. It’s more of a team than it is a group of individuals.”

Hide the women and children for Steelers-Ravens.

“I think it’s the best rivalry in football,” Cowher said. “They both try to intimidate by the way in which they play the game. They have respect for each other, but there’s without a mutual dislike for one another.”

You don’t need to tell Keisel.

“It’s a bloodbath,” he said. “The trench warfare is brutal. It is brutal, because both these teams believe in running the football, they both believe in having strong, physical, offense and defensive lines, and the games are won and lost right there. So watch the trenches, watch the type of hand-to-hand battle and combat that is going on in the trenches in between the whistles, it’ll scare ya!”

In Pittsburgh, they’ll be expecting a Steel Hurtin’.

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**T**UA TIME in Miami begins on Sunday, and it’s the right time.

When Miami coach Brian Flores announced that rookie first-round draft pick Tua Tagovailoa would supplant veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick as the Dolphins starting quarterback, beginning with Sunday’s home game against the Rams, there was an element of shock value.

## CANNIZZARO’S CORNER By Mark Cannizzaro

The Dolphins, after all, are 3-3, riding a two-game winning streak and averaging more than 26 points per game, and Fitzpatrick has played well. When Flores dropped the news bomb, Fitzpatrick spoke of being “heartbroken” by the switch, telling reporters he truly felt like these Dolphins were his team.

If you felt badly for Fitzpatrick, that’s perfectly understandable. But the reality is the 37-year-old journeyman, when he was brought to Miami, never was going to be anything other than a stopgap for the Dolphins, a placeholder for Tagovailoa.

Fitzpatrick has started for eight different teams in his 16-year career — an NFL record — and there’s a reason he never stayed in one place for a long period of time. He never led any of those teams to the playoffs.

Tagovailoa is the Dolphins’ future, and the sooner he becomes their present, the better that future will be.

The move by Flores is reminiscent of the one then-Giants coach Tom Coughlin made in 2004 when he replaced stopgap veteran Kurt Warner with Eli Manning despite the fact that they had a 5-4 record at the time.

For the crowd who may argue it’s too soon for Tagovailoa, look at what the other rookie starters are doing this season.

Joe Burrow passed for a career-high 406 yards with three touchdowns and ran for another TD for the Bengals against the Browns last Sunday. Chargers rookie quarterback Justin Herbert passed for a career-high 347 yards with three TDs, no interceptions and added a rushing TD in a win over Jacksonville.

The Dolphins drafted Tagovailoa No. 5 overall. Burrow went No. 1 overall and Herbert at No. 6.

Why not Tua Time now?

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# Healing Barkley 'in good spirits'

By PETER BOTTE

One day after Saquon Barkley's mother posted that her son's ACL surgery was a "success," staff and players with the Giants relayed that the injured running back was in good spirits despite having to miss the rest of the season due to his knee injury.

Joe Judge said Giants VP of medical services Ronnie Barnes spoke with Barkley's Los Angeles-based surgeon, Dr. Neal ElAttrache, and "it sounds like it was a positive deal" with the surgery.

"Obviously, we'll know more as time goes on and his rehab starts. But it seems like he's in good spirits," Judge said of Barkley. "We're looking forward to getting him back over here on this side of the country."

## GIANTS NOTES

Wide receiver Sterling Shepard said he spoke with Barkley on Friday. "He's doing good, he's in good spirits," Shepard said. "He seemed to be doing great to me."

➤ Shepard acknowledged the video of himself, Barkley, quarterback **Daniel Jones** and other teammates going out to dinner in Manhattan the previous week and not wearing masks was "something we dealt with internally and we talked to Coach about," before adding, "That's all I've got to say about that."

➤ To that end, Judge has not announced who will replace left guard **Will Hernandez** on Monday night against Tampa Bay after he tested positive for COVID-19, although it likely will be rookie fifth-round pick **Shane Lemieux**.

Asked for an update on Hernandez, Judge said: "I have not seen him personally. Obviously, we've all been isolated from him. We'll check back in and see how he's doing. Any health ailments, they go directly through Ronnie Barnes. To me, no news is good news when it comes to our players and situations like this."

➤ Running back **Davonta Freeman** (ankle) has been ruled out, meaning **Wayne Gallman** likely will be the featured back against the Bucs. Three-time 1,000-yard rusher **Alfred Morris** also could be activated from the practice squad.

Before practice, Judge said Freeman had "a chance" to be in uniform.

**WAITING GAME:** Louis Riddick (inset), a former Giants GM candidate, says because of underperforming players like Evan Engram (below), it will be tough to judge Daniel Jones. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg; AP; ESPN Images



# CAST

## Tough to judge Jones

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Louis Riddick isn't ready to write off Daniel Jones just because he has fumbled or thrown an interception in all 20 games of his career.

But he isn't about to excuse Jones' 11 giveaways (second-most in the NFL this season) just because the quarterback is learning a new offense.

The best way for the Giants to determine if they truly have a franchise quarterback in Jones? Give him more weapons and more time.

"If he doesn't correct it and it becomes a bigger problem, then you go to the next phase of the evaluation: Is this his surroundings or is this who he is now?" Riddick told The Post. "They are not at that point yet — and I don't think anybody needs to be at that point until you get a more stable supporting cast, and you keep a coaching staff in place for more than one year."

Riddick will be in the analyst's chair for ESPN's "Monday Night Football," when the Giants face the Buccaneers. Three years ago, he was the runner-up to Dave Gettleman in the Giants' general manager search. Two years ago, he favored Dwayne

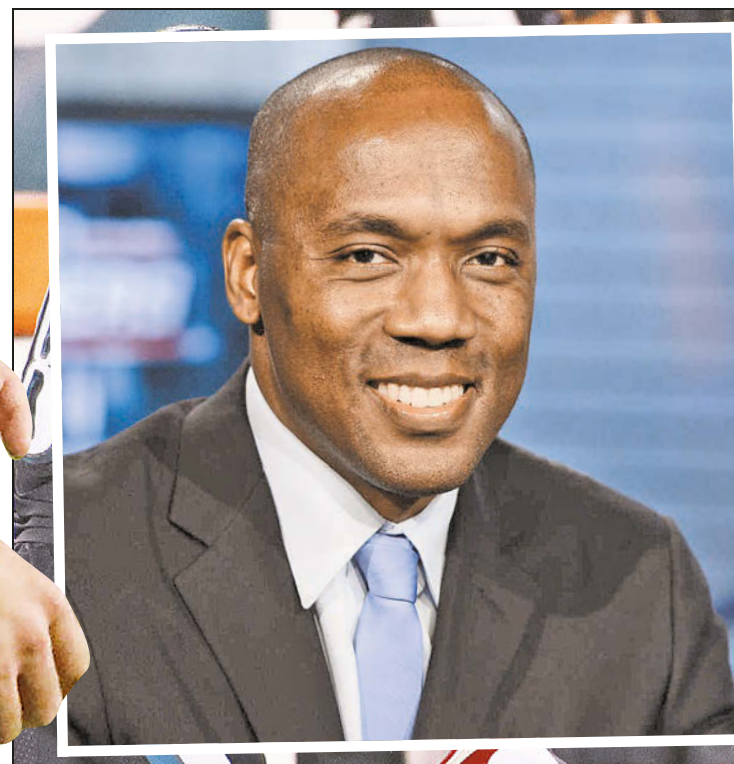
Haskins to Jones for the Giants' No. 6 pick in the draft, and he could be months away from another round of interviews for GM vacancies.

More playmakers — not more draft picks — is a vote for the Giants to keep tight end Evan Engram at Tuesday's trade deadline.

"You don't trade those kinds of guys," Riddick said. "The NFL is a league of selling hope, and one of the ways you can sell that is by saying, 'Look at all these picks we have.' That sounds fun, but maybe you should hold onto Engram instead of going out there into the great unknown and going, 'I don't know what kind of player I'm going to get, but I've got a nice third-rounder.'"

Engram has a disappointing 26 catches for 233 yards in what was supposed to be his breakout year under new offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. His drop against the Eagles last week likely cost the Giants a win.

"They try to find creative ways to get the ball to him," Riddick said. "They are looking for 1-on-1 matchup situations where he is against the safety, but play-calling is a tricky thing when you are having a hard time running the football, a hard time protecting and the quarterback is having a hard time getting the ball out fast enough. It starts af-



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# ADRIFT

## with struggling team

fecting all the plans you have for everyone else.”

Jones’ favorite target is Darius Slayton, who has 27 catches for 429 yards and three touchdowns. As the Giants build, is Slayton suited to be their No. 1 receiver or a complement?

“He’s not a No. 1 yet, but he’s working toward that,” Riddick said. “Maybe with a more diverse skill-set as far as the route tree he runs and his ability to win whether he’s inside or outside, whether it’s short, intermediate or deep, whether it’s run-after-catch and 50/50 balls. No. 1s win in all kind of environments. Right now, he would stand to benefit from having a true bona fide lead dog.”

Riddick compared how the Giants use Slayton as a backside receiver to the way the Cardinals use DeAndre Hopkins.

“The league respects the connection between him and Daniel because of how prolific they have been on the deep ball,” Riddick said. “He is a guy I have my eye on Monday because they know they are going to need the points, and he is their biggest home-run hitter.”

Forcing the ball to Slayton sometimes gets Jones in trouble. Riddick identified a formula be-

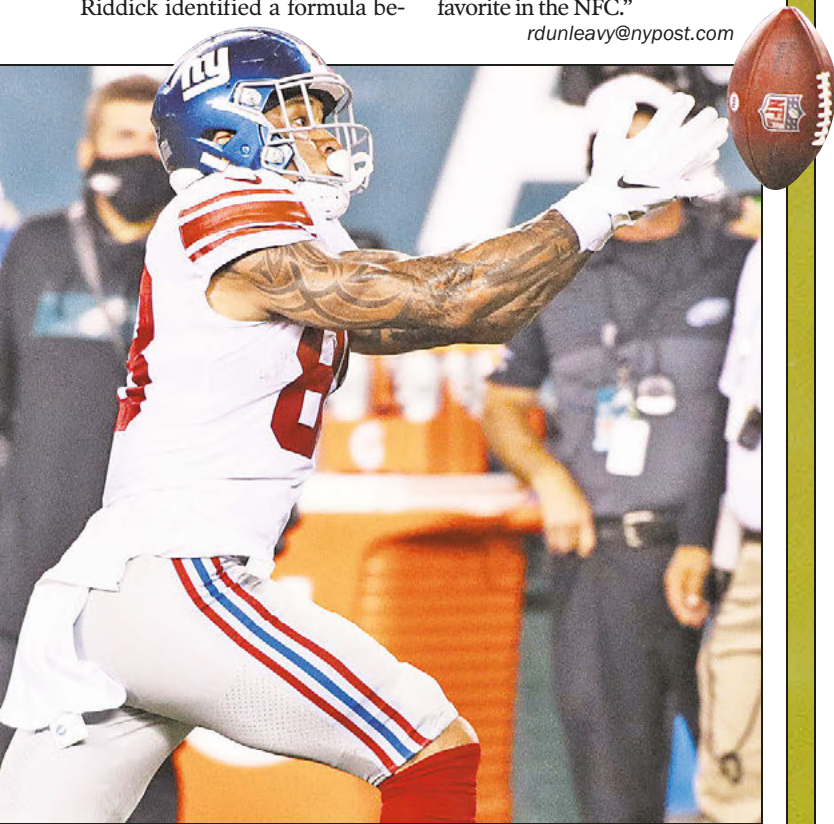
hind Jones pressing and making bad decisions: Expectations for a high draft pick. Playing without some of his top weapons. Chatter about a winnable NFC East Division.

“You can’t make sweeping decisions about what kind of player he is going to be because there are too many things around him that are uncertain,” Riddick said. “The one thing he does need to cut down is turning over the football because then you have no shot of winning. If he keeps doing that, you are not going to win games. If you don’t win games, people look to replace you.”

Jones won a shootout against the Buccaneers in his first career start. He wasn’t facing Tom Brady then, and the Buccaneers didn’t have the look of a Super Bowl favorite. They do now.

“They are loaded — they just need to put it all together,” Riddick said. “Quite honestly, this is a game they need to make a statement. No disrespect, but the Giants are out-matched from a personnel standpoint. That doesn’t mean they can’t win it, but Tampa needs to win this game convincingly if they want people to consider them the favorite in the NFC.”

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By PETER BOTTE

Giants receiver Sterling Shepard was surprised to learn he had been listed as limited in practice earlier this past week. He fully intends to play for a second straight game Monday night against Tampa Bay.

“I didn’t know I was listed as that. I feel pretty good and I’m gonna give it a go this week,” Shepard said Saturday on a Zoom call after practice.

Shepard has been dealing with turf toe since Week 2, missing four games before returning to the lineup for last week’s 22-21 loss to Philadelphia. The \$41 million slot receiver had six catches for 59 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown grab in the fourth quarter, against the Eagles.

“I’m going to probably have to deal with it, but I’m listening to [the trainers] and doing my recovery,” said Shepard, who also missed six games last season with multiple concussions. “I didn’t know much about [this injury] at all. But anybody that’s had it will tell you it’s nothing to play with.”

“If you don’t have your big toe, especially for a skill-position guy, it’s hard to get your job done in any way, shape or form. So it’s one of the more frustrating injuries I’ve had. But I’ve come a long way and I thank the trainers for that.”

The 27-year-old Shepard added that the training staff kept him in shape during the four weeks he was sidelined, with workouts in the pool and on treadmills designed “to not put so much body weight” on his toe.

“This guy is working hard through whatever he’s got,” Giants coach Joe Judge said. “I think there’s not a player in the league

**ONE GIANT SHEP:** Sterling Shepard is battling a nagging toe injury, but is hoping he can be on the field for the Giants for the second straight week on Monday. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg



## Shepard in despite injury

who is 100 percent at this point. Everyone is nicked up, everyone is banged up.

“That’s true in our locker room as well as the other locker rooms. One thing I’ll say for Sterling, he’s a tough dude. He’s very strong-willed and he wants to play. He’ll give himself every opportunity to get out there and play.”

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett called Shepard “a really smart football player,” adding the five-year veteran’s presence “certainly helped our offense” and quarterback Daniel Jones against Philadelphia.

“Sterling is just a good football player. I played against him for a number of years. Real fortunate to get an opportunity to work with him now,” Garrett said. “He’s prob-

ably the most accomplished skill player that we’ve had. A veteran guy who’s made a lot of plays in this league during his time with the Giants.

“He has great quickness and change of direction. He has a good feel and instincts for playing. He has savvy. He’s quarterback friendly, and he has playmaking ability. I think we saw all of that in the game the other night, so it’s great to have him back on board.”

The Giants also received good news Saturday regarding wide receiver C.J. Board, who was listed as a full participant in practice after missing the Eagles game with a concussion suffered in Week 6 against Washington.

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## Judge: Don’t get distracted by ex-Pats

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

The Giants won’t take any cues from antagonist Rex Ryan under Joe Judge’s watch.

Especially not this week.

Judge, who spent eight years as a Patriots special teams coach, was asked Saturday if he ever had seen an opponent that lost a game before kickoff because they were in awe of future Hall of Famers Tom Brady, Rob Gronkowski and Bill Belichick. Brady and Gronkowski — now with the Buccaneers — are on the menu for the Giants on “Monday Night Football.”

“I can’t think of any times before the game where we knew they lost because they were in awe,” Judge said, “but I think there were times we played that we knew they lost based on how they were going to handle situations with the weather — and there were other times we saw teams that came in too overconfident and too over-focused on just a couple people.”

Any specific examples come to mind?

“I can recall games with Buffalo circa 2014, ’15, ’16 and there were a lot of times where there was too much stuff pregame,” Judge said, “and you kind of understood, ‘They are not really tuned in to the game. They are worrying too much about some kind of matchup or something that they had heard or read about in headlines that week and not really focused on the game.’”

Ryan, when he coached the Bills in 2015 and 2016, called New England the “hated Patriots,” said he had “sources inside the [Patriots’] building” and imperson-

ated a reporter on a conference call with Patriots receiver Julian Edelman. It was a continuation of the needling he had started while he was head coach of the Jets, when he called season-ticket holders and asked them to show up against the Patriots and infamously declared, “I’m not here to kiss Bill Belichick’s rings.”

“Normally when I see that from teams, you know they are not locked in for 60 minutes on the situations that come up and the adjustments within the game, that, to me, is always the trigger,” Judge said. “The emotion within the game is something you have to balance.”

The Patriots were 14-2 against the Bills during Judge’s tenure in New England, including 3-1 when Ryan was on the other sideline. Doug Marrone earned the Bills’ other win in 2014 — but Buffalo is favored against the Patriots on Sunday.

The Giants lost to Brady last season, but haven’t faced Gronkowski since 2015, which predates the arrival of any players on the roster. Either way, with the exception of ex-Patriots Logan Ryan and Nate Ebner, these Giants know those immortal names more from video games played in college dorms.

“It’s not coming in in awe of a team,” Judge said of the fatal mistake in preparation, “but coming in overconfident or coming in focused on the wrong thing. We always try to bring it back with our players to, ‘You have your job and your responsibility to focus on. Keep it to that. Let’s make sure we focus on the keys and techniques we have to execute within the game.’ If we can tie that together for 60 minutes, the results are pretty good.”



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## BRIAN COSTELLO'S GANG GREEN GAME PLAN

### Perfection can keep Gang in game, maybe



It feels like the football version of "Mission: Impossible."

The Jets (0-7), who have been outscored by 118 points this season, traveling to Arrowhead

Stadium to face the Chiefs (6-1), the defending Super Bowl champions with Patrick Mahomes at quarterback and Andy Reid on the headset. This could be as lopsided as Tyson-Spinks, but the Jets won't be put out of their misery in 91 seconds.

"It's an opponent that we have to play outstanding complementary football, it has to be three phases working together," Jets coach Adam Gase said. "Defensively, they know what they're dealing with, when you got Patrick Mahomes back there and then a ton of athletic elite-skill players and then a good offensive line to boot, it makes it tough.

"And then, offensively, we're going to have our hands full, obviously they have some really good players, they can create pressure very quickly in the pass game, they can stop the run. And then when you get back in like they do where you get their hands on a lot of balls and are very disruptive and are going to make sure it's tight coverage and when they pressure,

it's problematic. So, on special teams, that's another thing, you're dealing with an elite return team, so we got to play really good team football."

Playing good team football is not something the Jets have done this season. The defense played better last week against the Bills, holding them to six field goals. The offense, though, has been atrocious. They have the worst offense in the NFL and are coming off a second half against Buffalo in which they gained just 4 yards.

"The feeling is, offensively we haven't put together a full game of football yet," tight end Ryan Griffin said. "We're really worrying about ourselves right now, first and foremost. The defense is going to have their hands full. We know that. So, we've got to pitch a perfect game, really, offensively, in order to give us a chance to win in Kansas City. We know it's a tall challenge, but we're looking forward to it."

The Jets come into this game as 19.5-point underdogs, one of the biggest lines they've seen in team history. It will feel like a victory if they can keep this one close into the fourth quarter. They are losing by an average of 17 points per game this year. The margin in this one could be much worse.

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## MARQUEE MATCHUP

Chiefs RB Le'Veon Bell vs. Jets coach Adam Gase

These two won't be on the field at the same time other than during warm-ups, but this is where much of the focus of this game will be. Gase and Bell never quite got along during Bell's short stint with the Jets. Gase never got over the team signing Bell over his objections. Bell bristled at how Gase used him. It all led to an ugly divorce, and Bell was released two weeks ago. He landed with the Chiefs and now here we are.

Is Gase worried about Bell being out to show him up?

"Yeah, I'm pretty sure that he's going to be worried about just winning a game, period," Gase said. "That's what most players are worried about. They're worried about, 'Hey what do I got to do this week to help my team win,' so I'm sure that's what he's going to be worried about doing. We got a lot of guys to worry about on that side of the ball against them."



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## 4DOWNS

Costello's keys to the game:



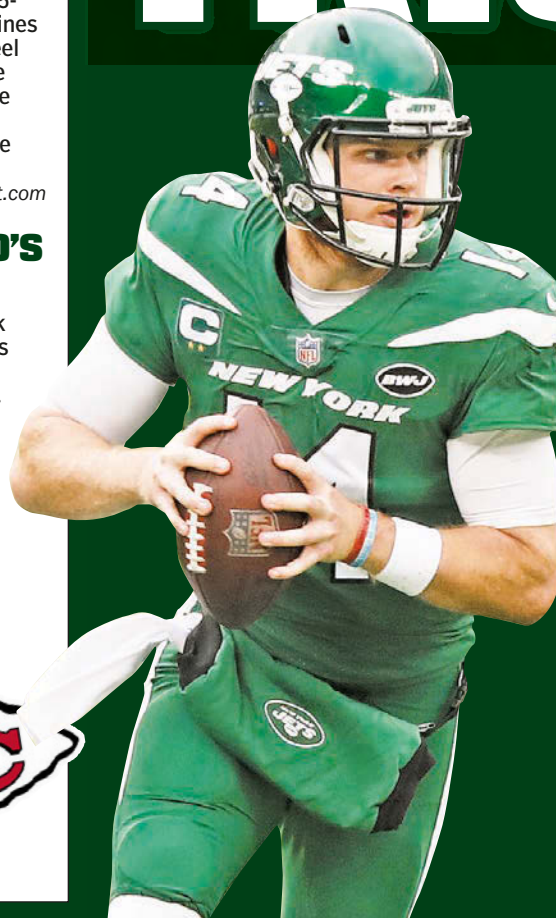
**MAHOMES MAGIC:** Let's put it this way: The Jets could not beat Broncos backup QB **Brett Rypien**, who was making his NFL debut on a short week. How do you think it's going to go against **Patrick Mahomes**, one of the best quarterbacks on Earth?

The Jets' only hope in this game is if the Chiefs turn the ball over ... a lot. Don't count on it. Mahomes has just one interception this season and has thrown 16 touchdowns. The Jets can't

let him run wild on them or this could be even uglier than we imagine.

"We've just got to doing a good job of making sure he doesn't extend plays," defensive lineman **Henry Anderson** said. "He's obviously very good in the pocket, but when he can extend plays outside the pocket and force the DBs to cover those fast dudes, those fast receivers for even longer, it becomes even more of a problem."

# TREAT WITH TRICKS



Jets better use every gadget play they can to keep up with K.C.

## COSTELLO'S CALL

Don't overthink this one. The Jets are terrible. The Chiefs are great. This one could get ugly quickly. It is hard to envision any scenario in which the Jets keep this close.

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**DEAD ZONE:** The Jets are the worst red-zone team in the NFL. They have scored a league-low four touchdowns on a league-low 16 trips to the red zone. They left points on the field last week against the Bills when they settled for a field goal on their first drive and later failed to convert a fourth-and-1.

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The Jets should be able to move the ball on the Chiefs. Kansas City's rushing defense is ranked 30th in the NFL, allowing 149.9 yards per game. The key will be the Jets converting any red-zone opportunities they get into touchdowns.

**RECEIVING REVOLVING DOOR:** The Jets will be without two of their top three receivers again this week. It has become a familiar problem for this team. **Breshad Perriman** (concussion) and **Jamison Crowder** (groin) will not play Sunday. That means **Jeff Smith**, **Braxton Berrios** and rookie **Denzel Mims** likely will be the starters.

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"It's probably harder for **Sam [Darnold]** than anybody, because it's just a different group out there, but I look at it as this great opportunity for a lot of dudes," coach **Adam Gase** said.

**ALL THE YOUNG DUDES:** The Jets got to see more of their draft class last week with Mims seeing his first action, **Mekhi Becton** returning to the lineup and **La'Mical Perine** getting a heavier workload. That is what the rest of this season is about. Can the Jets find some players they believe will be contributors next year and beyond?

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"Obviously they're really good players, we drafted them for a reason," Darnold said of the rookies. "You know we draft them to come in here and make plays for us and know what to do every single play when they get in there."

**SCARED TACTICS:** Jets coach Adam Gase and QB San Darnold (bottom left) have led the NFL's worst offense so far. To keep up with Patrick Mahomes (bottom right) and the defending-champ Chiefs, the Jets will need to use every trick in the playbook.

ONE DAY, there will be a team undaunted by the prospect of Patrick Mahomes greeting them at the entrance to Arrowhead Stadium, because that team will be quarterbacked by Trevor Lawrence.

One day does not arrive on this day for the Jets.

What arrives for them on the day after Halloween is an invitation for a little trick-or-treating at Mahomes' house.

When you are 0-7, when the oddsmakers are willing to spot you 19.5 points, when Lawrence remains a faraway dream, there will be no treat waiting for the Jets at the Mahomes house.

Only tricks.

Trick: A no-look touchdown pass or two from Mahomes.

Trick: Tyreek Hill streaking downfield and no young Darrelle Revis to stay with him. Or near him.

Trick: Travis Kelce getting open in the middle of the field and in the red zone.

Trick: Le'Veon Bell gleefully taking the baton from rookie Clyde Edwards-Helaire and resembling the back he was during his pre-Jet days in his revenge game.

Trick: Chris Jones or Frank Clark dominating the beleaguered Jets offensive line and forcing Sam Darnold into a head-scratching decision that is intercepted by "Honey Badger" Tyrann Mathieu.

Trick: No Jamison Crowder or Breshad Perriman for poor Darnold.

But this much we know about these Jets: If there's a game on the schedule, they will show up, bless their hearts.

Coach Adam Gase is of the belief that relinquishing play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains will make it a fairer fight, and it will, as long as Mahomes decides to throw left-handed.

Gang Green authored an inspired performance against the Bills last week, and you bet defensive coordinator Gregg Williams will have a plan for Mahomes. But everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.

Darnold won't survive any shootout with Mahomes, and doesn't have the personnel to implement the Giants' Super Bowl XXV game plan that kept Jim Kelly and his Bills on the sideline.

Counting on "any given Sunday," or the notion that Mahomes puts his pants on one leg at a time when there is no proof that he does, won't do the Jets any good here.

The Jets have nothing to lose and should coach and play that way:

A flea-flicker is a must.

Go for it even on fourth-and-long because field goals — Sam Ficken has a groin problem anyway — don't cut it against Mahomes.

Or a fake field goal.

And why not a fake punt?

Over the course of what will be a Hall of Fame career, Andy Reid has opened games with an onside kick, and if Gase gets the chance, he should try one.

Reid was coaching the Eagles in 2001 when he stunned the Dick Vermeil-coached Chiefs at Arrowhead with a successful onside kick on the opening kickoff that sparked a 23-10 Thursday night victory.

"It was something we wanted to do to set the tempo of the game," Reid said afterward. "From a coaching standpoint, it sent a message to our players that we're going to go after it in a tough place to play."

Turnabout is fair play, no?

And if it fails, and Mahomes is gifted a short field? So what? He turns long fields into short fields with a flock of his wrist anyway.

How much worse than 0-7 is 0-8 anyway?

This was undoubtedly a challenging week at One Arrowhead Drive for Reid and his aides, tasked with finding game tape that their players wouldn't find comparable to the new Borat movie. A Mekhi Becton pancake block, maybe. Darnold's 46-yard TD run, maybe. Frank Gore still running hard after all these years. A Quinnen Williams disruption pre-face mask penalty. Safe to say that Gase and his minions did not feel the need to confront the dangers of complacency.

Gase has expressed the need for complementary football, and it is imperative that his Jets do not confuse it with complimentary football. As in:

"Wow, great throw Patrick!"

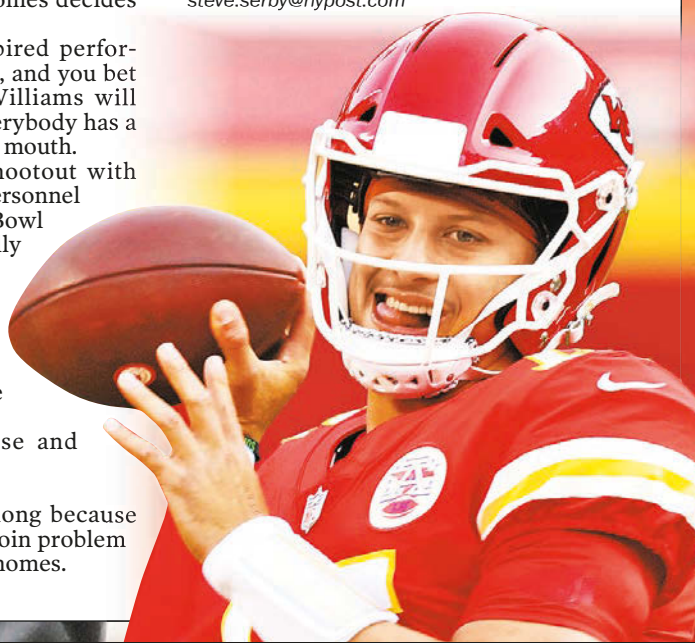
"I didn't realize you were that fast, Tyreek!"

"Le'Veon, wish you could have run that way when you were with us!"

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# FLEE MARKET

## Hope among player reps that a few teams will attack boldly in pandemic-strapped free agency

**W**INTER IS here.

Ignore the calendar. A deep freeze has arrived.

"You know what we are going to hear for a while?" one veteran agent said of the expected echo chamber from teams, "'We don't know what we can spend because we don't know our budget.' It already has begun."

Free agents can begin signing with new teams at 5 p.m. on Sunday. In the agent community there is hope that Steve Cohen's new money will make the Mets big players, and that a few other clubs — such as the Blue Jays, Padres, Giants, Dodgers, White Sox and Twins — are showing at least an inclination to seize opportunity and strike, though most clubs intend to slash payroll.

But the general anticipation is this will not be a fast-moving market.

That already was trending the past few years, as analytics-driven organizations have become more comfortable flooding the market and, particularly for non-stars, seeing if the supply of talent drives down prices, especially as the clock ticks toward spring training.

But this is something greater.

Commissioner Rob Manfred has said the 30 teams collectively lost about \$3 billion during the pandemic-stricken 2020 season. There is no clear view yet how much COVID-19 will impact the 2021 campaign. Among other questions: Will fans be allowed back? At what numbers? Already clubs can see season-ticket and corporate-sponsorship dollars are down for next season. Also, most teams are going through layoffs or furloughs of employees, potentially making it harder to justify a splurge on players.

In addition, MLB and the Players Association have yet to finalize parameters for next year. There is a schedule for 162 games in place, and the union does not have to budge off that.

But will the sides have to create scenarios for different lengths of season if, for example, Canada or multiple cities in the United States do not allow teams to play games

there, or no vaccine has emerged to make trying to play safer?

Rules specifically implemented for the 2020 season now revert to what they were

prior to the pandemic. So, for example, there will be no runner on second to begin extra innings and no seven-inning double-headers. But it is all open for negotiation. And it would impact this market, for example, if the

DH were retained in the NL for 2021. Free agents such as Nelson Cruz and Edwin Encarnacion would then have 30 teams that could be interested in them rather than 15.

The playoffs will revert from 16 team to 10 teams but, again, all is on the table. Would a plan for 14 playoff teams in 2021 motivate more clubs to invest dollars to try to get into the postseason? A few agents, for example, noted that the Blue Jays — owned by a telecommunications giant that was not devastated in the pandemic — have begun free agency aggressively, reaching out to at least express interest in players. Since they are in the AL East with the Rays and Yankees, might Toronto push in more chips if the playoffs housed 14 teams?

"I do think a few teams are going to see this as an opportunity to act boldly while other clubs are sitting out," another veteran agent said. "But is that boldly because they are offering 80 cents on the dollar when everyone else is offering 50? Or boldly to offer a fair price?"

The elite players in the market, such as catcher J.T. Realmuto and center fielder George Springer, are expected to still do fine — both, for example, play positions at which the Mets want to upgrade, plus they both hit righty (an extra perk for the Mets). More interesting might be someone like DJ LeMahieu, who in a non-COVID



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**Hardball**



**Edwin Encarnacion**



# MLB FREE-AGENCY PRIMER

## Top Japanese hurler may be headed to MLB

By JOEL SHERMAN

Tomoyuki Sugano, arguably the best pitcher in Japan, is viewed as more likely than not to be posted in the coming weeks and become available to major league teams.

Two members of the Nippon Ham Fighters, starter Kohei Arihara and outfielder Haruki Nishikawa, are even more likely to be posted.

The 31-year-old Sugano is one of Japan's most decorated pitchers, winning the Central League MVP in 2014 and Sawamura Award (the Japanese version of the Cy Young award) in 2017 and 2018. He had a back injury in 2019 and did not pitch to his career norms, but this season he is 13-1 with a 2.02 ERA.

His fastball registers just 90-92 mph regularly, but his excellence is built around his array of pitches and pinpoint control (he has averaged 1.7 walks per nine innings for his career).

In the 2017 World Baseball Classic semifinal — which Japan lost to the United States, 2-1 — Sugano allowed one unearned run in six innings against a powerful lineup that included Christian Yelich, Andrew McCutchen, Eric Hosmer, Giancarlo Stanton and Buster Posey. Nolan Arenado struck out in all three at-bats vs. Sugano.

Two MLB scouts who have a history covering Sugano project him as a strong No. 3-type starter in the majors. Even in what is supposed to be a tight-fisted market, most clubs want to add starting pitching, and a few — such as the Blue Jays, Giants and White Sox — are expected to be a little bolder financially than others.

MLB has pushed back by one week the period in which a player from Nippon Professional Baseball can be posted, to Nov. 8-Dec. 12. That acknowledges that the Japanese season was delayed at the outset by the COVID-19 pandemic and extended about a month longer than normal, with its version of the World Series scheduled for Nov. 21-29.

A posted player has a month-long window to reach an agreement with an MLB team from the date of posting, and his Japanese team receives a fee at a percentage of his contract if he signs with a major league team.

Due to the pandemic, MLB teams could not send scouts to Japan to watch in-person potential candidates

to leave for MLB, which is standard if a club is going to invest in a foreign player. Many organizations do have at least a part-time scout in Japan, and video and long scouting dossiers on all the players.

Sugano could wait until after next year when money may not be as tight in MLB, and he is a full-fledged international free agent and does not have to be posted. But he is in his 30s already and has long been believed to want to test himself in MLB. Plus, Japanese stars only top out in the \$6 million to \$7 million range.

Sugano's Yomiuri Giants clinched a playoff spot on Friday, so he will play for a while. The Giants are the Yankees of Japan and historically do not post their players. But they did so with Shun Yamaguchi last offseason (he signed with the Blue Jays) because he had signed with the Giants as a free agent with the stipulation that he could leave.

Indications are the Giants would willingly post Sugano. In 2011, as one of the top amateur pitchers in Japan, Sugano said he wanted to play for his uncle, Giants manager Tatsunori Hara, who still manages the team. But in the draft lottery, the Fighters also nominated the righty and gained his rights.

Sugano refused to sign with the team, sat out a year and the following season the Giants were the lone team to nominate him for the draft and gained his rights. Because Sugano lost a year and, thus, a chance to be a free agent after the 2020 season, the Giants would not oppose him leaving.

The Fighters are not making the playoffs and have a history of posting players, such as Yu Darvish and Shohei Ohtani.

Arihara, 28, is projected more as a bottom-of-the-rotation starter. He had his best season in 2019 (15-8, 2.46 ERA), but fell off this year (7-8, 3.40). Like Sugano, he does not overpower with a fastball and instead relies on a full repertoire and command.

Nishikawa, 28, projects more as a Rays-like maneuverable piece. He plays multiple positions, but has won three Japanese Gold Gloves in the outfield. He is a lefty swinger with minimal power, whose strong skills are getting on base (this year 81 walks to 79 strikeouts and a .419 on-base percentage) and speed (this is his seventh season with 30 or more steals).

environment could have been looking at four years at \$100 million or more. But will his age (33 in July) combined with the virus ramifications push that number down drastically?

And once you move beneath LeMahieu's talent level, the expectation is that dollars will grow very tight. The relief market in particular is oversaturated with foreshadowing of what financially awaits. For example, the Indians with Brad Hand (\$10 million), the Marlins with Brandon Kintzler (\$4 million) and the Braves with Darren O'Day (\$3.5 million) had 2021 options rejected that likely would not have been a year ago. That further flooded the relief market.

Expect more. Teams must tender 2021 contracts to their players by Dec. 2. More non-tenders than ever of arbitration eligible players are anticipated. In the period until then, another agent said, "I expect a lot of players to sign undervalued contracts to avoid being non-tendered and going out into a very bad free-agent [environment]."

Teams will try to trade non-tender candidates some other club might value at the projected arbitration dollars, and just about every club will be trying to move salaries with which they are uncomfortable. The Indians, for example, know they won't keep Francisco Lindor as a free agent after the 2021 season and probably don't want to even carry his \$20 million-ish salary for next season. So are they compelled to find the best deal possible before next season begins? This was a consideration last offseason, but the COVID-19 realities and ever closer free agency puts even more pressure on Cleveland to act.

It is part of an offseason like no other ever, one that begins with a forecast of a chill in the air.

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# MLB FREE-AGENCY PRIMER

# DJ MIXING

## LeMahieu is just top priority of litany of offseason decisions

**I**T DOESN'T matter on what side of the pinstriped rope that surrounds the Yankees universe you stand when it comes to DJ LeMahieu returning to The Bronx.

The fans, who love to spend Hal Steinbrenner's money, are unanimous about the Yankees' most complete player not leaving via free agency. Manager Aaron Boone and the players certainly want LeMahieu back, and he has indicated he would like to stay.

So, it's is a slam dunk, right?

Nothing falls into that bin these days due to the COVID-19 pandemic — except that the Yankees will make the \$18.9 million qualifying offer to LeMahieu, who led the big leagues with a .364 average.

Like every big league club, the Yankees took a financial pounding this past season, not long after they dropped \$324 million on Gerrit Cole's deal, which has eight years remaining. And there is no guarantee the owners will want to start the 2021 season without money-spending bodies in the seats.

Then there is the possibility of the Yankees getting under the \$210 million luxury tax for next season.

Still, it is hard to believe LeMahieu won't be a Yankee in 2021. After making \$12 million in each of his two years with the Yankees, LeMahieu, who will turn 33 in July, is due a sizeable raise — in the area of \$20 million to \$22 million per season. Length could be a sticking point for the Yankees, if LeMahieu is looking for four years.

But there is much more to the Yankees' puzzle than LeMahieu, as they attempt to narrow the gap between themselves and the AL champion Rays.

Behind Cole in the rotation comes

Jordan Montgomery — and then three colossal question marks. Gary Sanchez has gone from the next Manny Ramirez at the plate to being a possible non-tender.

Based on this past season, the Yankees made a mistake believing Gleyber Torres is a major league shortstop.

Free agent Masahiro Tanaka can fill one of the rotation spots. Like LeMahieu, the Yankees don't have objections about the 31-year-old right-hander returning. And Tanaka (78-46 in 174 games for the Yankees) has never given an indication he wants

to leave. Will they use the qualifying offer on him?

Trevor Bauer heads a thin free-agent field of starting pitchers. Charlie Morton and Kevin Gausman could be in play for the Yankees. An under-the-radar signing would be Taijuan Walker, who went 4-3 with a 2.70 ERA in 11 starts with the Mariners and Blue Jays. He missed nearly all of the of 2018 and 2019 seasons due to Tommy John surgery, but is still just 28 years old.

Without adding a starter or two, the Yankees would be asking too much of Deivi Garcia, Clarke Schmidt and Mike King, their in-house options for the rotation. And no one knows where Domingo German, recently reinstated by MLB after a long domestic violence suspension, fits.

Sanchez, who will turn

28 early in December, gets blamed for everything wrong with the Yankees. But after he hit .147, it is hard to defend the catcher. Yet it also is difficult to envision Kyle Higashioka, who will turn 31 in April, as the starting catcher when he has just 72 games of big league experience in four seasons.

Free agent J.T. Realmuto, who will turn 30 in March, is reportedly looking for six years, which is likely longer than the Yankees prefer to offer. Other free-agent catching options are James McCann, an All-Star in 2019 who split time with Yasmani Grandal this year for the White Sox; and Tyler Flowers, who has been more than a routine back up (he averaged 96 games per year from 2013-19 with the White Sox and Braves). Austin Romine is a free agent, but the Yankees allowed him to flee to the Tigers last winter to install Higashioka as Sanchez's backup. Mike Zunino became an option when the Rays didn't pick up his 2021 option.

With the sport hemorrhaging money, its possible free-agent shortstops Andrelton Simmons and Marcus Semien could be considered bargains by the Yankees, which would allow them to move Torres to second and play LeMahieu at first.

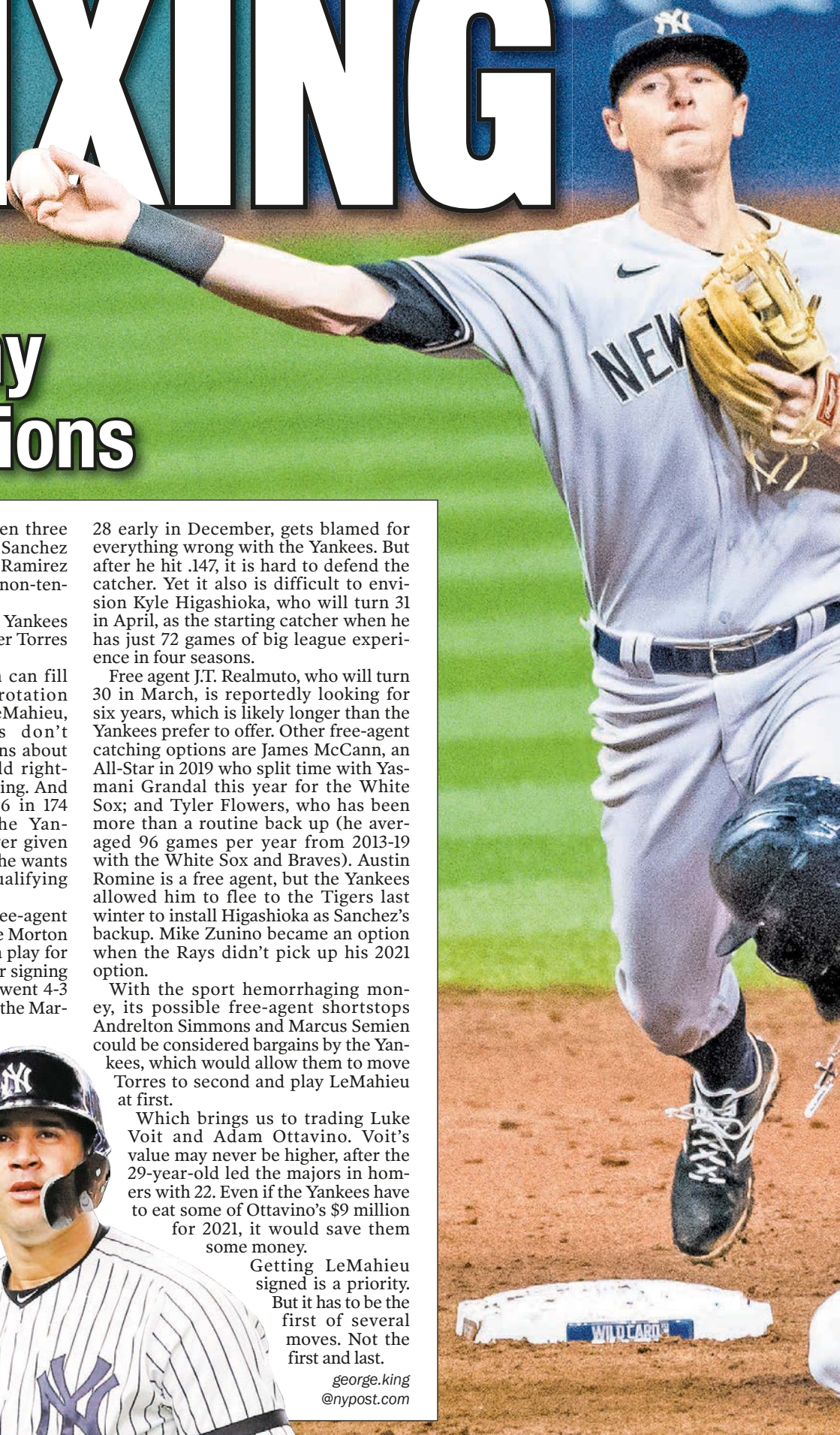
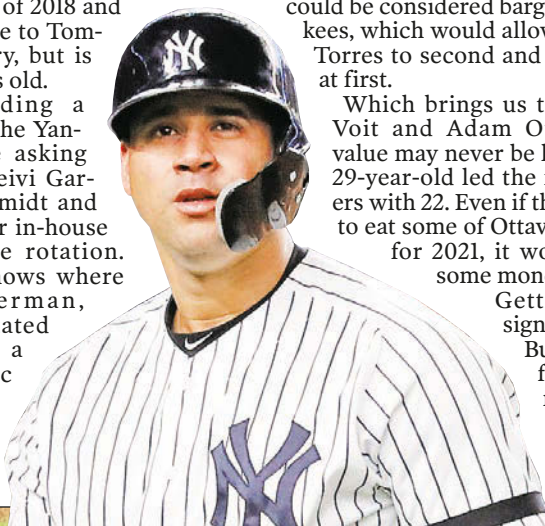
Which brings us to trading Luke Voit and Adam Ottavino. Voit's value may never be higher, after the 29-year-old led the majors in homers with 22. Even if the Yankees have to eat some of Ottavino's \$9 million for 2021, it would save them some money.

Getting LeMahieu signed is a priority. But it has to be the first of several moves. Not the first and last.

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## On the radar

Here are three potential free-agent targets for the Yankees:

### DJ LEMAHIEU

When the Yankees signed LeMahieu two years ago, it was hard to see exactly how he fit onto their roster. Now it's difficult to envision the team without him. The two-year, \$24 million contract turned out to be a bargain. This time around, LeMahieu figures to get something closer to four years at perhaps \$80 million.

### MASAHIRO TANAKA

The last time Tanaka was a free agent, he was among the most sought-after pitchers in the world. After seven seasons in The Bronx, the 32-year-old is no longer a top of the rotation starter, but has continued to be a reliable, durable arm in a rotation that is short in that department.

### KEVIN GAUSMAN

In addition to Tanaka, the Yankees could look to add another veteran arm, and they previously have shown interest in the right-hander, who pitched well for the Giants in 2020. Corey Kluber, coming off two injury-marred seasons, could be another option.

— Dan Martin



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**PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS: The Yankees face several key decisions this offseason, tops among them whether or not to re-sign free agent DJ LeMahieu, who led the major leagues with a .364 batting average. Catcher Gary Sanchez (bottom left) also faces an uncertain future after a miserable season.**

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## Yankees' plans could be infected by COVID fallout



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By DAN MARTIN

There is no "white whale" for the Yankees and general manager Brian Cashman to pursue this offseason that is similar to their signing of Gerrit Cole to a nine-year, \$324 million deal nearly a year ago.

And with the Yankees likely looking to stay under next year's \$210 luxury-tax threshold, they might not have much money to throw around in free agency — which begins Monday, when players can sign with new teams.

But that doesn't mean the Yankees don't have plenty of holes to fill after another disappointing finish in the playoffs, when they lost to the Rays in the ALDS.

The impact of an abbreviated season that saw no fans in the stands until the playoffs will no doubt have an enormous impact on the entire sport — especially for the Yankees. How it affects the free-agent market will be among the major storylines of the Hot Stove season.

Owner Hal Steinbrenner said the Yankees lost more money than any team in baseball this year, when they had an MLB-high payroll of \$109 million for the 60-game schedule.

Even before getting to free agency, the Yankees have \$117.5 million tied up in seven players (Cole, Giancarlo Stanton, Aroldis Chapman, Zack Britton, Aaron Hicks, Luis Severino and Adam Ottavino). They already have shown a willingness to spend — picking up Britton's \$14 million option for 2022, which will also pay him \$13 million next season.

The next step will be to decide what to do with their own free agents, particularly DJ LeMahieu.

The second baseman is coming off two superb seasons after the Yankees signed him on a two-year, \$24 million deal.

The 32-year-old LeMahieu will cost more — and for more years — this time around, but can the Yankees afford to lose him? They figure to give LeMahieu a qualifying offer of \$18.9 million, which he'll surely reject, but that would ensure the Yankees get a draft pick if he signs elsewhere.

They'll also have to decide what to do with Gleyber Torres after his subpar defensive performance in his first year as a full-time

shortstop in the majors. If they shift him back to second and keep LeMahieu, that would likely force LeMahieu to first base, where Luke Voit is coming off a breakout season.

If the Yankees look to add a shortstop, there are several available, including Didi Gregorius — who had a bounceback season with the Phillies after the Yankees let him go last offseason — to defensive standout Andrelton Simmons, who has battled left ankle sprains each of the past two seasons. The Indians may make Francisco Lindor available in a trade, but he's due a raise from \$17.5 million.

The rotation will also need to be addressed, since after Cole, there's not much to bank on.

Masahiro Tanaka, James Paxton and J.A. Happ are all headed to free agency, leaving some combination of Jordan Montgomery, Deivi Garcia, Clarke Schmidt and Mike King, among others, as well as possibly Domingo German.

Tanaka could be brought back at significantly less than the \$23 million he made last season. The right-hander is coming off another solid season, but his stellar postseason reputation took a hit with a pair of disappointing outings during the last playoffs and Tanaka, who turned 32 Sunday, has a partially torn ligament in his right elbow.

Trevor Bauer is the top starting pitcher available, but he might be looking for more than the Yankees are willing to spend. Corey Kluber, Kevin Gausman or Charlie Morton may be more realistic options.

Another concern is catching, a position the Yankees hoped they'd be set on for the foreseeable future not that long ago. But Gary Sanchez's regression has forced the team to reconsider whether he will remain the starter. And though Kyle Higashioka is a solid backup, he hasn't proven he can take on the everyday role. J.T. Realmuto seems too expensive, but perhaps can't be ruled out if teams don't spend.

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# MLB FREE-AGENCY PRIMER

# BACK IN THE

## Spring forward into new era

**M**AYBE this won't matter. Maybe Steve Cohen really is planning on looking at the offseason the way you or I would stepping up to a breakfast buffet (at least back in the halcyon days when a "breakfast buffet" didn't conjure the same image as a friendly round of Russian roulette, anyway).

("Do I want the eggs or the French toast? I want the eggs AND the French toast!")

"Toast, English muffin or bagel? Why, all of the above!"

"More of anything? More of EVERYTHING!"

Maybe Steve Cohen will show up for work this week with his checkbook already open, and when he and Sandy Alderson sit down and begin to talk about the 2021 Mets and which prime free agent they'd like to pursue, the conversation will go this way:

Sandy: "J.T. Realmuto, Trevor Bauer or George Springer?"

Steve: "Yes."

Sandy: "Yes to which of them?"

Steve: "Yes to all of them."

More of anything? More of everything!

More likely, even Cohen's deep pockets will only shake enough free to acquire one. There are other things to consider: strengthening analytics, strengthening infrastructure, beefing up international scouting, figuring out what to do with current Mets. (Do you buy out Pete Alonso's arbitration years? Do you extend Michael Conforto? Where does Noah Syndergaard and his surgically-repaired elbow fit into the Mets' future?)

Maybe Cohen tells Alderson he can have one of the fancy toys.

Which fancy toy do you want?

The object of the Mets' affection for years has been Realmuto, probably the best all-around catcher in the game. The Mets thought long and hard about swapping a cache of their own bright young players for Realmuto two years ago, and he will be a free agent for real this week. Also, the Mets, at present, have Tomas Nido as their first-string catcher.

But catchers are heavy risks when you lay out the kind of scratch Realmuto will command. And he has expressed an early interest in staying where he is.

Bauer would be an immediate reinforcement of Alderson's commitment to building a strong starting rotation. The first time around, Sandy dreamed of a Harvey/deGrom/Syndergaard/Wheeler/Matz five-headed weapon that would wreak havoc with the National League. The fact it never happened is beside the point. It was a fine dream. Teaming Bauer with deGrom (and,

eventually, Syndergaard) is a nice starting block back.

But if the choice is mine, the choice is Springer.

Now, Springer has had himself a year. He was, of course, an Astro the past 6 ½ years, and as such he was right in the middle of the sign-stealing controversy that was all anyone in baseball talked about until COVID-19 declared:

"Hold my beer." He also had a relatively down year, his .265/.359/.540 slash line a significant drop-off from 2018 (.292/.383/.591) in which he finished seventh in the American

League MVP vote.

(Cue the chorus: Baseball's a lot harder when you don't know what's coming, ain't it?)

But Springer is exactly what the Mets have been craving for years: a terrific center fielder who would be a plus leadoff hitter. He is, by every tangible mea-

surement, an upgrade over Brandon Nimmo. And would allow the Mets to shop Nimmo as part of a package in which they could upgrade elsewhere.

Now, there are a couple of things you need to be comfortable with if you sign Springer. First and foremost: You must believe he is not a complete creation of the Astro Way. And look, even the harshest data-driven analyses of the scandal concede the results of the scam were relatively modest. A bad player didn't become good because of it, but good players got a little bit better.

And if you saw Springer this postseason when, presumably, the Astros were playing cleaner than Felix Unger, he had four homers and nine RBIs (giving him 19 postseason homers overall for his career). There is little to question about his ability.

What about the fact if there is a reasonably normal 2021 season, the Astros players will finally be forced to answer for their past sins, whether they are playing in Houston or elsewhere? Will that be an added distraction for Springer, and for the Mets? But Springer, as much as any of the Astros, owned his part in it and expressed regret.

"I wish I had done more," he said last spring. "Every member of that team has to take responsibility."

Maybe he can be part of an ensemble of imports. Steve Cohen is enough of a wild card that we can honestly say: Who knows? But if it's to be just one, Springer — of UConn and New Britain High — should be that one. That would be an excellent place to start.

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**MR. OCTOBER:** Astros slugger George Springer is coming off a monster postseason in which he hit four homers — giving him 19 for his career — and could be a prime target in free agency for the Mets, who are suddenly flush with Steve Cohen's cash.

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# BIG LEAGUES

## With Cohen, Mets won't be shopping in the discount aisle this offseason

### On the radar

Here are three potential free-agent targets for the Mets:

#### TREVOR BAUER

The right-hander is the favorite to win the Cy Young award and has stated he is open to a short contract. Imagine a second-half rotation next season headed by Jacob deGrom, Bauer and Noah Syndergaard (after he returns from Tommy John surgery rehab).



#### J.T. REALMUTO

He's the best player available on the free-agent market, and the Mets have the need and the money. The only question is whether he wants New York, but the Mets will have the ability to outbid other suitors.

#### MASAHIRO TANAKA

The Mets need more than one starting pitcher. Why not pursue somebody already battle-tested in the Big Apple?



— Mike Puma

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By MIKE PUMA

Goodbye offseason dysfunction and hello efficiency?

Steve Cohen's arrival as the Mets' new owner figures to end the annual tradition of team executives beginning the free-agent signing period, which starts Sunday night, unsure about the budget.

Under the Wilpon family reign it was commonplace for the general manager to doggedly pursue needed approval on even smaller acquisitions. The latest example was last winter, when Brodie Van Wagenen needed to sell team COO Jeff Wilpon on the idea of adding two back-end starting pitchers in Rick Porcello and Michael Wacha.

But little was as maddening for team officials than to finish plugging their offseason holes, only to be told by Wilpon that an additional \$10 million was now available for payroll. Where was that money when the GM was trying to sign a better pitcher or outfielder?

The offseason heading into 2014 was a prime example. It was a free-agent signing period one team official described the Mets as "bringing a knife to a gunfight." The winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., concluded with the Mets signing Curtis Granderson and Bartolo Colon — two players team officials liked but didn't love — and later hearing from Wilpon that additional money was available and how should the Mets spend it?

Cohen, a lifelong Mets fan with \$14 billion in his piggy bank, figures to eliminate such angst. Sandy Alderson — who knows all too well about the challenges of past Mets winters (he was the general manager for 7 ½ years) — is returning as team president to oversee what should be a more efficient operating structure. Alderson is expected to select both a president of baseball operations and general manager to identify the talent. It would be considered an upset if Van Wagenen remains with the organization.

The most glaring need is starting pitching and catching, and the Mets will have no shortage of possibilities as teams stung financially by the pandemic look to slash spending. It could be a perfect

storm of sorts for the Mets. Why choose between Trevor Bauer and trading for a high-end starter with a big contract when maybe you can have both?

J.T. Realmuto would look great behind the plate, but if his heart lies in Philadelphia, names such as Mike Zunino and Yadier Molina could be appealing. The Mets last week declined 2021 options on Wilson Ramos and Robinson Chirinos, leaving Tomas Nido as the lone experienced catcher.

It gets trickier with the other positions. An overlying issue is whether the DH will continue in the National League next season. At this point it's anybody's guess.

"That is an enormous one to have hanging over all these teams throughout the offseason — 'Hey, we can't really tell you what format we're going to be running next year,'" a NL executive said. "OK, then how do I sign this guy or that guy? Perhaps no individual is more screwed by it than Nelson Cruz. Can somebody be in play for Nelson Cruz or not?"

The 40-year-old Cruz (who is one of the players the Mets considered when they signed Granderson) posted a .992 OPS last season for the Twins. Another

player who possibly falls into that category is Marcell Ozuna, whose defensive skills have eroded in recent seasons, but he remains a premier right-handed bat, which the Mets need in trying to combat their deficiencies against lefty pitching. Adding such a bat (provided there is a DH in the NL) would likely mean trading somebody from a group that includes Dominic Smith, Jeff McNeil and Brandon Nimmo.

George Springer is the top available outfield free agent. If the Mets were to sign him, Nimmo could shift from center to a corner, where he is better suited. But without the DH question settled, it could be difficult for the incoming front office to choose a path.

For now, starting pitching and catcher are the obvious pursuits.



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# READY, SET, SPEND!



**Thanks to Cohen, Mets can now chase big names**

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Amazin' fans could finally get their wish. With Steve Cohen (inset) now confirmed as the new owner, it means, for the first time in a long time, the Mets could join the Yankees in being major players for high-priced free agents — a list that includes George Springer and J.T. Realmuto.



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